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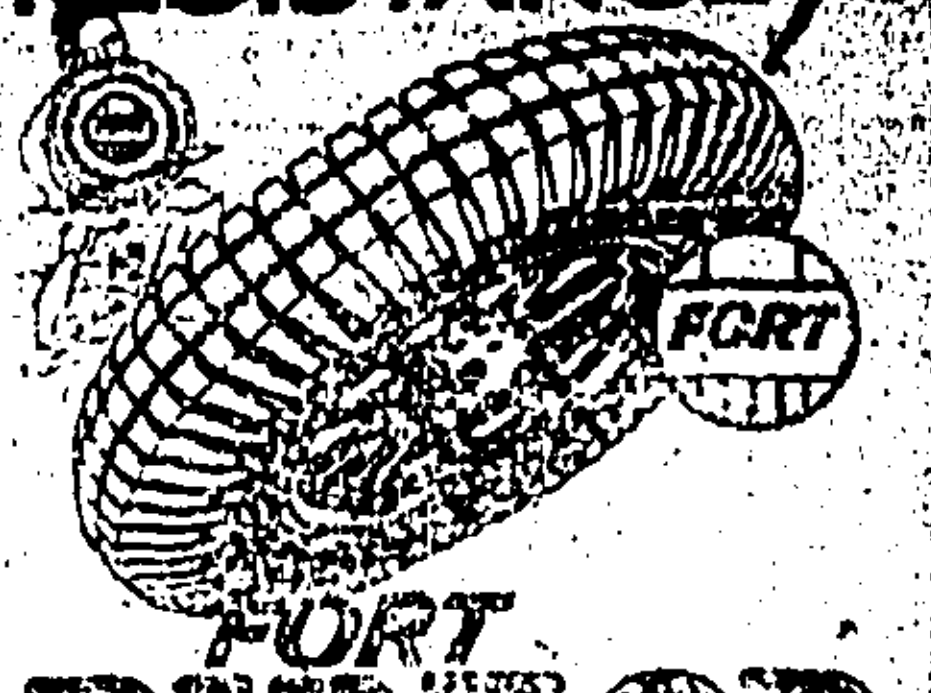
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THE INDIA FEDERAL UNION PLAN.

RECOMMENDATIONS BY COMMITTEE.

DOMINION PRECEDENTS TO BE TAKEN AS GUIDE.

POWERS OF VICEROY.

A VITAL stage in the proceedings of the Indian Round Table Conference has been passed with the submission of the Draft Report drawn up by Lord Sankey containing important proposals for the Federal Constitution of India. One of the main features is the extent of powers reserved, by almost general consent, to the Viceroy.

Executive power and authority will be vested in the Viceroy, there will be a Cabinet appointed by the Viceroy to hold office at his pleasure, and to aid and advise him. The Viceroy will invite a Minister to form a Government, which will remain in office only so long as it retains the confidence of the Legislature. The Sub-Committee generally agreed that the assumption by India of all powers and responsibility which have hitherto rested in Parliament cannot be made in one step.

PRINCIPLE OF RESPONSIBILITY.

London, Jan. 12. The report, which Lord Sankey, Chairman, read to the Federal Structure Committee, consists of a twenty-six-page draft on which the vital importance of the subject has been given to members, and it is expected that the discussion thereon will be completed to-morrow.

It is understood that the report points out that the Sub-Committee do not claim to have evolved, in all details, a complete plan for a Federal Constitution. They consider the best service they can render to the Conference is to state certain general principles.

Many points have necessarily been left to be settled later, when public opinion both in India and England, has had an opportunity of expressing itself upon them, in order that a complete Constitution may be based on a maximum measure of public approval in both countries.

Regarding the Executive, the report proceeds on the basic assumption that the Constitution will recognise the principle that, subject to special conditions, responsibility for the Federal Government of India will in fact rest upon the Indians themselves.

Dominion Precedent.

In the opinion of the Sub-Committee, the proper method of giving effect to this principle is, following the precedent of all Dominion Constitutions, to provide that executive power and authority shall invest in the Crown or in the Governor-General as representing the Crown, and that there will be a Council of Ministers appointed by the Governor-General and holding office at his pleasure. It is suggested that the instrument of instructions should direct him to appoint those persons who command the confidence of the Legislature and the Governor-General.

The convention of inviting one Minister to form a Government and requesting him to submit a list of his proposed colleagues should be followed.

As those chosen as Ministers should possess the confidence of the Legislature, it follows that they would retain office only so long as they retained that confidence.

Ministerial Responsibility.

This is what the Sub-Committee understand by responsibility of the Government to the Legislature in the sense wherein that expression is used throughout the British Commonwealth. The expression also implied, in their view, that the Ministry are respon-

sible collectively, and that they stand or fall together. It is, however, admitted that this broad statement of principle of responsible Government at the centre will be the ultimate achievement of the Constitution now to be formed and requires some qualification.

Transition Period.

There was general agreement in the Sub-Committee that the assumption by India of the all powers and responsibilities which hitherto rested on Parliament cannot be made at one step, and that during the period of transition, firstly, the Governor-General should be responsible for defence and external relations, including relations with the Indian States outside the Federal sphere, and that, secondly, in certain circumstances that may arise outside the sphere of these subjects, the Governor-General must be at liberty to act on his own responsibility and must be given powers necessary to implement his decisions.

It is clear, moreover, that the Governor-General must be at liberty to select as the Ministers responsible in the reserved sphere, any persons he may himself choose as best fitted for the purpose, and that on appointment they should hold Ministerial portfolios and acquire rights like other members of the audience in either Chamber of the Legislature.

Cabinet and Viceroy.

With the position of the Governor-General in relation to his Cabinet is, to some degree, involved the question of whether the Governor-General himself should preside over the meetings of his Ministers.

In the Sub-Committee's view, the better course would be to provide in his instructions that he should preside when he thought it desirable, leaving the matter to his discretion.

It is, however, essential that the Governor-General should keep at all times fully informed of the state of public affairs and have the right to call for any papers or information which are at his Ministers' disposal.

It follows from the fact that the Governor-General will himself be responsible for the administration of reserved subjects that he should not be dependent for the Supply required upon the assent of the Legislature, and that it should be charged on the Consolidated Fund. It follows, also, that he should be

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PIRATES CONTROL SHIP FOR TWO & HALF DAYS.

CHINA MERCHANTS' VICTIMISED.

S.S. HSIN MING ROBBED OF VALUABLE CARGO.

HONGHAI LANDING.

In the hands of a gang of pirates for two and a half days, journeying slowly down the coast to Honghai Bay, the China Merchants' s.s. Hsin Ming goes down on record as the first 1931 victim of Bias Bay desperadoes. The vessel was released in the early hours of this morning.

News of the outrage was received soon afterwards, when the Hsin Ming's officers restored her wireless apparatus to working order and recounted briefly the features of the attack. Three passengers and a comrade were arrested, while the gang appears to have made a valuable haul of personal property and cargo.

The Hsin Ming, a Glasgow-built steamer of 1,605 tons register, has made only one or two previous appearances in Hongkong and these quite a few years ago. For that reason she is very little known here, the local office of the China Merchants' being in complete ignorance of her movements until the receipt of the wireless message.

Pirated on Saturday.

The frozen state of Northern ports and waterways at this time of the year, usually brings about a re-arrangement of ports of call for China Merchants' vessels, says the local agent. It may therefore be assumed that the Hsin Ming was Southern-bound, trading between Shanghai probably, and Foochow, when she fell victim to the Bias Bay desperadoes.

The wireless message, received at 7 o'clock this morning, states she was pirated on Saturday night. It also states that the pirates had just left the vessel at Hong Hai Bay, which suggests that she was not released until daylight to-day; when the wireless apparatus was again put into commission to enable the early message to be sent out.

Crew Surprised.

From the meagre details given, it would appear that the pirates boarded the Hsin Ming at Shanghai in the usual guise of passengers. Choosing a favourable moment on Saturday night, they revealed their presence, overpowered the Captain, officers and crew, and took over the command of the vessel.

A slow cruise was then set for the south. Bias Bay and Mrs. Bay being well-patrolled by warships, it would appear, the pirates took the vessel into the adjacent inlet of Hong Hai Bay, the scene of the termination of more than one previous exploit, and under cover of darkness, just before day-light to-day, took to waiting boats and landed their booty.

Bloodless Outrage.

The message states "Everybody is all right," indicating that the piracy has been a bloodless one, unattended by anything untoward except for the kidnapping of three passengers and one of the Comptroller's staff, and the taking away by the culprits of "a considerable quantity of cargo and loot."

Who these passengers were, and just how much loot is represented by the stolen cargo is not revealed. The message, in concluding, requests the local Radio Office to report to the owners, agents and authorities; and intimates that the Hsin Ming has found it convenient to proceed to Foochow, which may have been her original destination.

The Hsin Ming was formerly known as the Hsin Tai-chi. A steel-screw steamer of 2,133 tons gross, she was built in 1907 by Messrs. Napier & Miller of Glasgow, her dimensions are: Length, 270 ft.; beam 41.2 ft.; depth, 20.2 ft.

A fishing junk yesterday brought back to the Colon the crew of another junk found clinging to their half-submerged craft near Nine Pine Islands, last week. Sugar and other cargo were taken from the wrecked vessel before it was abandoned.

BRITISH AIR CRASHES.

FOUR FLIERS LOSE THEIR LIVES.

NEW YEAR TOLL.

London, Jan. 13. The New Year has opened rather disastrously for the Royal Air Force, no fewer than seven airmen belonging thereto having been killed since the opening of the year.

Two officers and a flight sergeant belonging to the R.A.F. Training School were killed as the result of a crash in the darkness, last night, of a Vickers-Vimy bomber on the borders of Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire.

A fourth occupant of the plane was flung clear and escaped without injury. Two other bombers which were accompanying the machine were forced to land, one being wrecked, but, fortunately, without any casualties.

All three machines had lost their way in the darkness. Earlier in the day, a flying officer was killed as the result of a crash in Essex, following a collision with another machine. In this instance, the collision was so slight that the pilot of the second machine was not aware of it.—*Reuter.*

BRITISH TRADE IN 1930.

BIG REDUCTIONS IN BOTH IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.

London, Jan. 12. The Board of Trade to-day issues statistics showing that British imports in 1930 were valued at £1,045,000,000, representing a reduction of £176,000,000 on the figure for 1929.

The exports totalled £570,500,000, or a reduction of £159,000,000, or a reduction of £159,000,000. The largest individual decreases in imports were raw cotton, £32,500,000; grain, £23,000,000; non-durable food and drink, £20,500,000; and woollen materials, £18,000,000.

The outstanding reductions in exports were cotton manufactures, £48,000,000; iron and steel manufactures, £17,000,000; and woollens, £16,000,000.

Re-exports in 1930, showed a decrease of twenty per cent. as compared with 1929.—*Reuter.*

BRITISH ANTI-DRUG PROPOSALS.

OPIMUM COMMITTEE BEGINS EXAMINATION.

Geneva, Jan. 12. The Advisory Opium Committee of the League of Nations to-day began a discussion on the British draft scheme providing for the limitation of the manufacture of narcotics to the amount annually needed for the world's legitimate requirements for medical and scientific purposes.

It was decided to appoint a sub-committee to draw up a list of drugs to be covered by the proposed Convention and the substances into which they might be converted.—*Reuter.*

EUROPEAN IN MOTOR MISHAP.

AGED CHINESE SERIOUSLY INJURED.

Mr. J. S. MacLaren, of the Transvaal, was concerned in a motor mishap which occurred the night before last on the Taipei Road.

He states that he was driving a private car No. 1966 when near Taipei Market, an aged Chinese got in his way and was knocked down, injuries being caused to his back. The victim also suffered from concussion and was in a serious state when taken to the Kowloon Hospital in Mr. MacLaren's car.

The Hon. Foo Ping-sheng is to distribute the prizes at St. Stephen's College at Stanley on Saturday afternoon.

FOURTH ROUND OF ENGLISH CUP.

FIVE AWAY WINNERS AGAIN UNLUCKY.

CHELSEA GET THE TIT-BIT AT STAMFORD BRIDGE.

NINE CONTINGENCIES.

London, Jan. 12. The draw for the Fourth Round of the F.A. Cup Competition was made to-day, resulting as follows:—

Crystal Palace v. Everton.
Reading v. Wolves.
Middlesbrough v. Exeter.
Bradford v. Newcastle.
Bury or Torquay v. Newcastle.
Leeds United v. Stoke or Manchester U.
Grimsby T. v. Manchester U.

Chester v. Arsenal or Aston Villa.
Southport v. Blackpool.
Blackburn or Walsall v. Blackpool.
Brentford v. Burnley.
Bolton Wand. v. Sunderland.
Sheffield Un. or York City v. Notts County.
West Brom. or Charlton v. Tottenham.
Watford v. Brighton.

Barnsley v. Portsmouth.
Birmingham v. Wednesday.
Port Vale v. Port Vale.
Matches to be played on January 24.—*Reuter.*

Nine of the sixteen matches are not settled, hence comment is not easy. The most attractive match is undoubtedly, however, will be played at Stamford Bridge where Chelsea will entertain either Arsenal or Aston Villa.

Seven of the nine clubs that failed to win at home on Saturday will get another chance should luck favour them in the re-plays.

The Unlucky Five.

Bournemouth, Everton, Wednesday, Brighton, and Port Vale, all of which obtained excellent victories on foreign soil on Saturday, are again required to travel.

Brighton and the Wednesday should get into the Fifth Round without great difficulty, and Everton will not feel very anxious whether they are called upon to oppose Crystal Palace or Reading, but Port Vale's task will not be easy, and Port Vale may expect to go down to Birmingham.

Only three of the sides definitely through are at home again, Bolton Wanderers, Leeds and Barnsley. Having disposed of Huddersfield, Leeds will look forward to their match with Newcastle with a certain amount of confidence, and Bolton Wanderers, third winners of the Cup since the war, should also win again.

London's Prospects.

London which failed to seize upon the opportunity offered by seven home matches on Saturday is only certain of one match on the 24th, that between Chelsea and the winners of the Arsenal-Villa replay. Chelsea and the Villa have met twice this season, Chelsea losing at home and drawing at Villa Park.

The hopes of Charlton, Crystal Palace and Brentford in the re-plays are not particularly bright, though all would play in London on the 24th if they should succeed this mid-week.

Only four of the sixteen matches are definitely to be played in the South, and at least ten will be fought out in the North or the Midlands.

Of the 41 teams still interested, sixteen are from the First Division, fourteen from the Second, and eleven from the Third (including nine from the Southern Section).

GERMAN ACTION IN COAL DISPUTE.

WAGE CUT AWARD DECLARED COMPULSORY.

Cologne, Jan. 12. Despite the rejection by the coal-owners and the miners of the Official Arbitrator's award of a six per cent. wage cut, the Minister of Labour has declared that it must be regarded as compulsory.

DISASTER FEARED.

TRADE WIND NOW 28 HOURS LATE.

MISSING FLIERS.

New York, Jan. 12. The gravest fears are now entertained for the New York amphibian plane "Trade Wind" which is now 28 hours overdue at the Azores.

The authorities have been in wireless communication with half a dozen vessels at sea in the vicinity of the route likely to be taken by the fliers, but all of them state that they have not seen the seaplane.

More ominous, however, are the weather reports from these vessels. Mountainous seas are running in the Atlantic and it is considered improbable that the seaplane would float for more than a few hours in such conditions if it had been forced down.

The Trade Wind set out from Bermuda for the Azores on Saturday. She was carrying two hundred pounds of tinned food, the trip being a "strictly commercial" enterprise for the purpose of demonstrating the possibilities of regular air communication between America and Europe by way of Bermuda and the Azores. The missing fliers are Mrs. Beryl Hart, owner of the plane, and Lieut. W. S. MacLaren.—*Reuter's American Service.*

WATERLOWS TO PAY £500,000.

JUDGMENT ENTERED FOR PLAINTIFF BANK.

London, Jan. 12. Judgment for damages agreed at £500,000 has been entered for the plaintiffs, the Bank of Portugal, against Messrs. Waterlow and Sons, the famous bank-note printers, in the case heard in the King's Bench Division last month.

The amount of the damages is payable, subject to the result of a possible appeal. It may be recalled that Waterlows provided a gang of swindlers with Portuguese bank-notes to the value of over £1,000,000, on forged documents purporting to be signed by the Governor of the Bank of Portugal.—*Reuter.*

SWEEPING CUTS IN TYRE PRICES.

BIG AMERICAN COMPANIES ACT IN UNION.

New York, Jan. 12. Sweeping cuts in the retail prices of rubber tyres are announced by the leading companies at Akron, Ohio, America's great rubber manufacturing centre.

The General Tyre and Rubber Company announces a reduction of from seven and a half to twelve per cent on all tyres for passenger vehicles.

The Firestone Rubber Company has reduced its tyre prices from six and a half to twelve per cent. Other companies notify similar reductions.—*Reuter's American Service.*

DISTANCE FLIGHT RECORD.

FRENCH ACHIEVEMENT IN LIGHT MACHINE.

Villa Cisneros, Jan. 12. Captain Lalouette and Formouze landed here to-day, having covered 1,800 miles in 22 hours, creating a record distance in a straight line for a touring aeroplane weighing under four hundred kilograms.—*Reuter.*

FINE WEATHER.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone is now central over the Lower Yangtze Valley. Strong monsoon along the S.E. coast of China and over the North China sea. The local forecast is:—North winds, strong; fine.

GRAVE RIOTS STAGED BY INDIAN CONGRESS.

HUNDREDS BADLY INJURED.

SEVEN-HOUR BATTLE IN THE STREETS OF KARACHI.

HANGING SEQUEL.

Hundreds were injured in grave disorders in widely separated districts of India yesterday. At Karachi a battle between police and a lawless mob lasted for seven hours. At Bombay, violent clashes occurred all day. Numbers of police were among the casualties.

The disorders are attributed to Congress activities, instigating the people to violence in protest against the carrying out of the death-sentence upon four Indians concerned in the Sholapur Riots last May when ten policemen were killed, one man being burned alive.

Karachi Affray.

Karachi, Jan. 12. One hundred and fifty persons were injured, fifty of them seriously, in an affray which lasted for seven hours, between police and adherents of the Congress, who attempted to hold a procession and a meeting in defiance of the police ban.

Three times the police charged with lathis, making thirty-six arrests, those in custody including Mrs. Gombai, the new woman Dictator.

The police also arrested nineteen women who squatted in the middle of the road and refused to move. The Police Superintendent and a number of constables were injured by stone-throwing. Speakers Rescued by Mob.

Allahabad, Jan. 12.

Serious trouble occurred in a village near Allahabad to-day, following the arrest of two speakers, who were taken in custody for holding a meeting of the Congress Party at the village of Kilpani in defiance of the Ordinance against instigation of the non-payment of taxes.

The police were attacked by the mob, which rescued the speakers. Revolver Shots.

There was serious disorder for some time. The mob, attacked with stones and lathis, and an Indian police-officer drew his revolver and fired into the mob, seriously wounding one of its assailants. The crowd was dispersed, but eight of the police party suffered injuries.

Bombay Crisis.

Bombay, Jan. 12. Violent clashes occurred in the Hindu quarter between the police and followers of Gandhi who demonstrated as a protest against the Poona executions. The Gandhites placed boulders on the tram-lines, and stoned the trams, and also the Police Commissioner's car. The police charged with lathis, and 25 demonstrators have been injured hitherto.

Grave rioting in protest against the Poona executions has continued, and hitherto 155 persons have been sent to hospital. Thirty of them are in a serious condition.

Belgaum Defiance.

Belgaum, Jan. 12. Sixty persons were injured, six of them seriously, when police, armed with lathis, charged and dispersed a procession held in protest against the executions at Poona. Express orders forbidding the procession had previously been issued by the Magistrate of the District.

At Poona, following the hanging, the police were forced to charge a crowd of sympathisers endeavouring to march upon the gaol.—*Reuter.*

Mr. J. W. Davidson, vice-president of the Rotary International, arrived here by the S.S. "Princess" from London, being accompanied by his wife.

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DEGREE DAY AT UNIVERSITY.

INTERESTING ADDRESS BY
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FINANCE QUESTION.

With its customary ceremonial, the 2nd annual Congregation of the University of Hongkong was held in the Great Hall yesterday. His Excellency the Governor, Sir William Peel, who is the Chancellor, presided, and conferred the degrees on graduates for 1930.

The gathering at the University included Lady Peel, and a number of prominent people of the Colony, seated on the dais being Government officials, honorary graduates of the University, ecclesiastical dignitaries and the Deans of the various faculties.

Ten was served on the lawn, and a musical programme was rendered by the band of the South Wales Borderers. The capped and gowned procession which comprised members of the Court, Council, Senate and Staff of the University, entered the Great Hall soon after 5 p.m., and the Congregation was formally declared open by His Excellency.

Vice-Chancellor's Address.

Addressing the gathering, the Vice-Chancellor said:

Your Excellency, ladies and gentlemen.—When Your Excellency came here on the 22nd September last to unveil the portrait of Sir Cecil Clementi and to open the new Biological Building I took the opportunity, on behalf of all the members of the University, to bid you and Lady Peel welcome. In the name of this Congregation I now welcome you to this first degree giving ceremony over which you are presiding. I said on the 22nd September, that you had already proved a substantial benefactor to the University and that all of us who had had the good fortune to come into contact with you and your wife had already learned to hold both Your Excellency and Lady Peel dear. I re-echo what I then said and once more assure Your Excellency of our loyalty towards you and our confidence in your judgment, your wisdom and your fairness. We look to Your Excellency to restrain and guide us. We also look to you, our Chancellor and our Governor, to see that the University gets a fair field for the discharge of its manifold responsibilities and its development. And we know that we shall not look to you in vain.

A year ago Sir Cecil Clementi presided over this Congregation—now he is gone. Sir Cecil Clementi was not a man whom one could easily forget. Those who knew him will, I think, carry about with them throughout their lives some influence of the radiance of his magnetic personality and charm. Those who never knew him will perhaps, as they come into this Hall and look up at his portrait, wish that they had known him.

I do wish that all the portraits of our Chancellors were hanging on the walls of this Hall. I am not going to beg this afternoon. If I did I should expect to be pelted from this platform. But I am going to remind the wealthier members of the Hongkong community, who are proud to have been Lord Lugard's friends, that this University is still without even a portrait of its founder.

Traffic Event.

Professor C. Y. Wang died so recently that I will not dwell on the bitterness of that tragic event. It fell to me to say over his grave that he left behind him the memory of a life of unostentatious loyalty and devotion. I will leave it at that; for I know that there is in the hearts of all of you, the profoundest sympathy for his widow and his now fatherless children. The year 1930 saw the completion and opening of the new Biological Department on which the



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name of Kwok Siu-lau will soon be emblazoned. The year also witnessed the starting of a new building, now under construction, a building which will bear the name of Tang Chi Ngong. A clock in memory of the late Sir Paul Chater, one of the University's benefactors and its first Hon. Treasurer, has also been installed in the Tower. This clock we owe to the generosity of the Armenian Church in Calcutta, Sir Paul's birthplace.

Sir Henry Gollan has left us, but the memory of his wise counsel, of his devotion to the University and of the warmth of his gracious geniality is still here. Our Reader in History has resigned, to our great regret. He admits that he was happy in his work here and that he feels the severance of his connexion with the University. But the lady to whom he has become betrothed decided that, not even for the sake of marrying Mr. Hughes, would she consent to live in exile. Perhaps she is right—time alone will show. Let us at least hope that the University's loss will be her gain and that of her native land to which she is so devotedly attached. It will not surprise my Celtic friends to learn that the lady's native land and that of our late Reader in History is the Principality of Wales. We have a new Lecturer in English and a new Lecturer in Commerce. We, their colleagues, are the better for the presence in our midst of Mr. Clarabut and Mr. Cooper. We hope and believe that neither of them is sorry that he came.

Distinguished Visitors.

The year has not been without its distinguished visitors to the University—Professor G. Elliot-Smith, Sir John Bland-Sutton, and His Royal Highness Prince Purachatra of Siam. The coming of such visitors and the pleasure which they appear to feel at being with us is a great encouragement. I am delighted to see among the audience Dr. Gordon Thompson of the Henry Lester Research Institute, Shanghai. We are glad to hear that the foundation of the Institute buildings are now in the ground. We hope that the Institute will always work in the closest and friendliest co-operation with this University's Medical School, from which incidentally it recruited both its Principal and its Professor of Medicine.

Looking back upon 1930 and passing in reflection beyond it to scan the University's harassed history, there come into my mind the proverbial words of Juvenal—*Haud facile emergunt quorum virtutibus obstat.*

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But I remember that another author, not so distinguished as Juvenal, recently wrote that:

"Nothing splendid has ever been achieved except by those who dared believe that something inside of them is superior to circumstance."
Anyway, the year 1930 has seen what I take to be the determination of the Government of Hongkong that this University must be maintained at all costs.

Increased Grant.
The increase in August last of the University's annual grant saved the institution from a condition of serious financial embarrassment. We are deeply grateful to Your Excellency for the business-like and prompt way in which on your arrival you set yourself to
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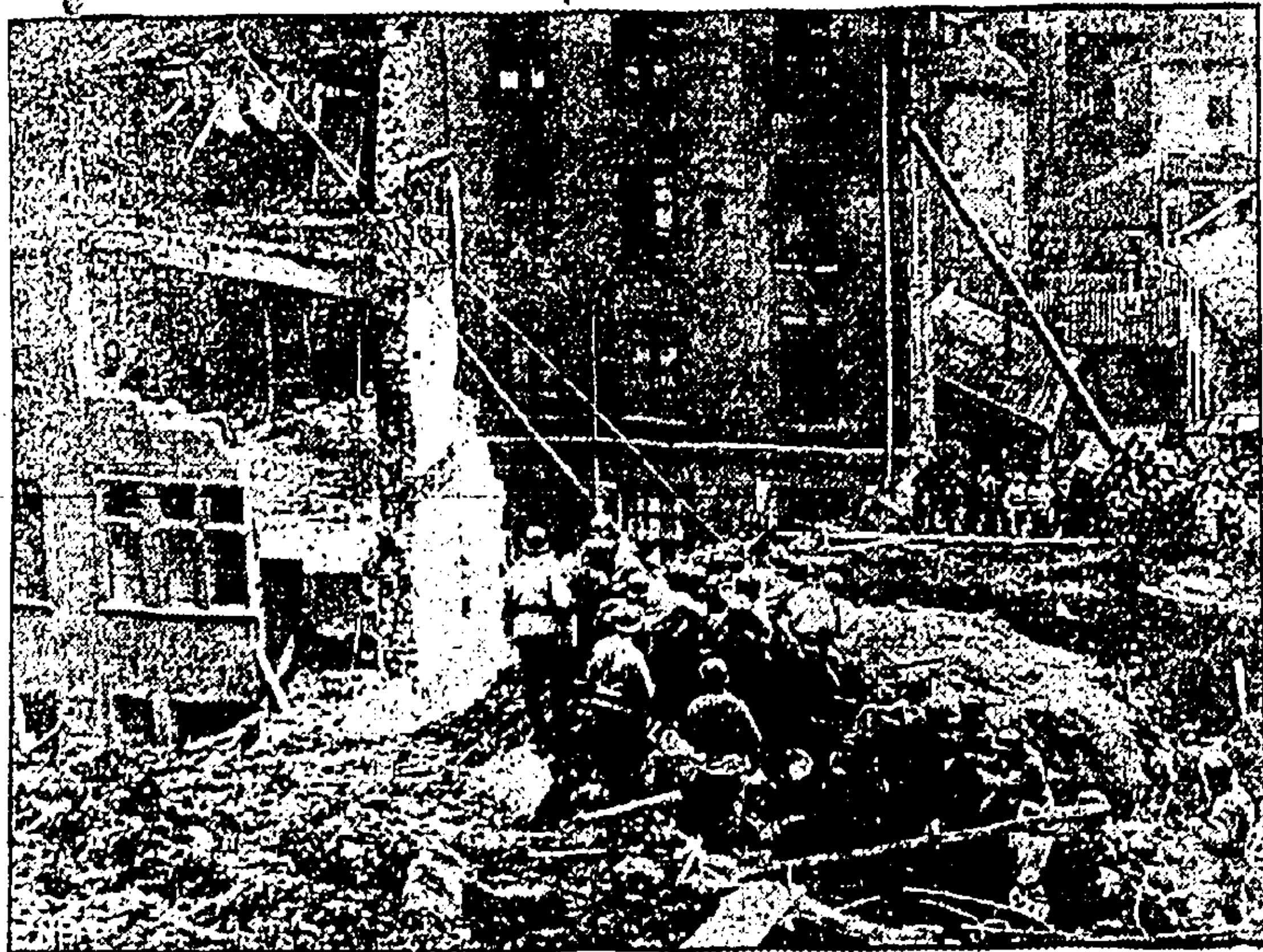
Photo taken after the wedding in Shanghai of Miss Paula Woltjen and Mr. Hans Dieckmann, which took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Widmann, at Hungjiao Road. Mr. Dieckmann is on the Shanghai staff of Messrs. Melchers and Company, the well-known German import, export and shipping firm.



Our photo shows (centre) Madame Barbosa, the wife of the retiring Governor of Macao, in Chinese ceremonial costume. Others in the picture are Mr. Chung Bing-him, and Mrs. P. do Brito, wife of the Portuguese Consul in Shanghai.



Dr. John Brook, of Kansas, a wealthy manufacturer, receiving a trophy won in flying every day of the past year.



Another picture showing how buildings were shattered in the landslide which occurred in the Lyons region recently. The scene is reminiscent of war days. Photo shows workers pulling down wrecked buildings to prevent further danger to life.



Mrs. H. Foster Bain, a grandmother, and a friend of the Hoovers, who has just gained a pilot's license.

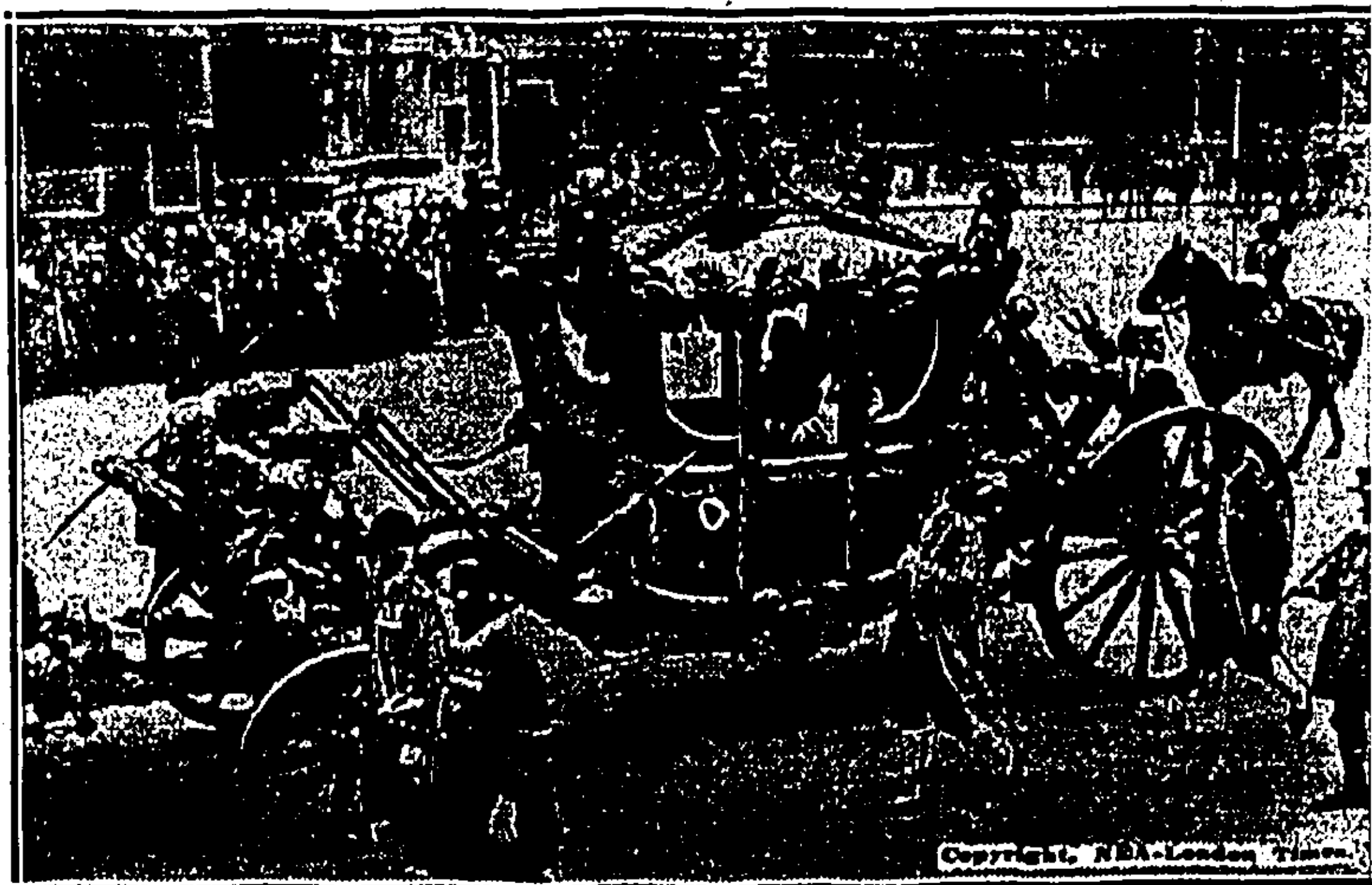
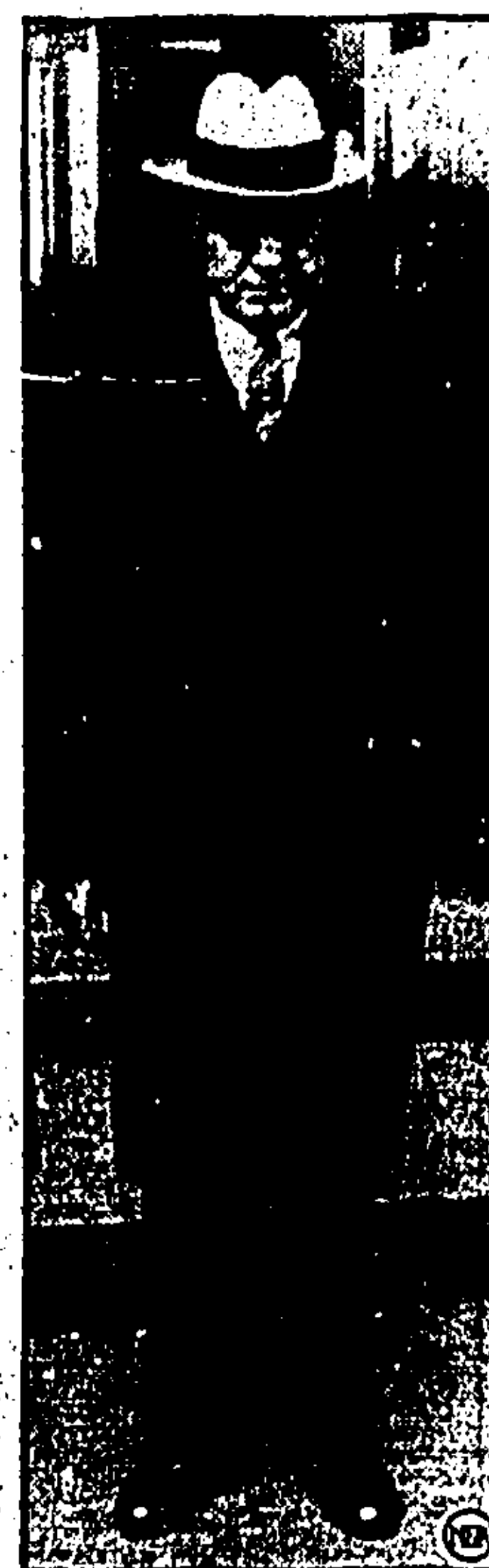


Photo taken at the ceremony of the opening of Parliament at the end of October. The traditional State Procession appeared even more colourful than usual on a bright day. The King and Queen may be observed in the Royal Coach riding through troop-lined streets on their way to the Houses of Parliament.



Mr. H. R. Ekins, who has replaced Mr. Randall Gould as United Press correspondent in Shanghai.



Charles Bob, company promoter of New York, who gave himself up after disappearing. His company's losses are estimated at \$44,000,000.

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TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$1075 s.
Chartered Bank, \$164 b.
Mercantile A. & B., \$26 n.
East Asia \$115 b.

Insurances.

Canton Ins., \$1,300 n.
Union Ins., \$955 b.
North China Ins., Tls. 160 b.
China Underwriters, \$3.20 a.
Yangtze Ins., \$50 n.
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H. K. Fire Ins., \$1300 n.

Shipping.

Douglases, \$28 1/2 n.
H. K. Steamboats, \$31 n.
Indo-China, (Def.) \$27 n.
Union Waterboats, \$29 s.

Mining.

Benguet, \$11 b.
Shai Explorations, Tls. 1 b.
Ruhs, \$41 s.

Decks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$178 s.
Whampoa Docks, \$30 b.
South China Motors \$10 n.
China Providents, \$5.30 b. (old).
Hongkwa, Tls. 284 n.
New Engineering, Tls. 7.10 n.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 116 n.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, Tls. 13.90 s.
Shai Cottons, Tls. 90 (old) b.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$12.40 b.
H. K. Land, \$84 1/2 s. (old).
do, \$83 1/2 s.
Shai Land Tls. 327 b.
Humphreys, \$17.50 n.
Realities, \$9 b.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$18 s.
Peak Trams, (old) \$14 1/4 s.
Star Ferries \$93 s.
China Lights, (old) \$25.85 b.
H. K. Electric, \$80 1/2 s.
Telephones \$35 1/2 n.
China Buses, Tls. 19.60 n.
Singapore Tractions, \$7/10 n.

Industrials.

China Sugars, 80 cts. n.
Malabons, \$27 n.
Cald: Macg. Ord: Tls. 10.75 n.
Canton Ice, \$3.60 s.
Cements (Comb) \$17.70 s.
Ropes, \$12.50 b.
United Asbestos \$5 n.

Stores, etc.

Dairy Farms, \$25.75 b.
Watsons, \$12.60 b.
Der A. Wings, \$1 n.
Lane Crawford, \$3.90 b.
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Sinceres, \$13 1/4 b.

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A legal technicality, concerning the wording of the Ordinance, yesterday caused the collapse of a case of child-trafficking brought by the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs before Mr. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy.

A woman, named Ch. Yee, was charged with, that on January 7, at No. 314, Queen's Road Central, she took part in a transaction the object, or one of the objects of which, was to transfer the possession, custody or control of a four-year-old boy, Chan Sang, by her to one Lo Sai Ping, another woman, for the sum of \$370.

The relevant Section was 45 a. Ordinance No. 2, of 1905. Evidence adduced by the prosecution showed that Lo Sai Ping, an informer, was sent by the police to the floor, where she bargained for the sale of the child, the trap being made complete with the securing of what was alleged to be a deed of permanent presentation. A statement signed by Chan Yee after she was arrested and charged, contained an admission of the transaction.

For the defence, it was pleaded by Mr. F. H. Losby that since the transaction was a trap, and there obviously was no intention on the part of the informer and/or the child, the transaction lacked the "object" specified in the ordinance.

The transaction, it followed, was not bona fide one, and he submitted that the accused had no case to answer.

Inspector J. Murphy, for the Secretariat, argued that the intention at least was there on the part of the accused to sell the child. His Worship, agreeing with Mr. Losby, replied that the law as it stood at present, did not say anything about intention.

In discharging the woman, his Worship pointed out that he was not disbelieving the evidence of the prosecution. It was simply that the law did not seem to provide for that sort of case, where an informer had to be employed in the transaction.

Inspector Murphy asked for guidance regarding the disposition of the child concerned.

His Worship replied that there being no transaction with the object specified by the Section, there was no buyer. It was for the Secretariat to concern itself with what was to be done with the child.

CAT FOR CRIMINALS.

OPINION OF A FORMER
HONGKONG WARDER.

Pointing out that the cat-o-nine-tails is used in Hongkong as a method of punishment for certain type of criminals and has proved highly effective in reducing crime in the Colony, Mr. W. J. J. Gnat, former principal warder at Hongkong, endorsed the assertion made by Mr. Stirling Fessenden, director general of the Shanghai Municipal Council, to the effect that the use of the "cat" there would greatly decrease crime.

In a statement made to a representative of *The Shanghai Evening Post and Mercury*, Mr. Gnat declared that if the "cat" is restored there will be an immediate decrease in armed kidnappings, armed robberies and other crimes of violence. "I have my statement," he said, "on actual experience with criminals; on facts, not theories. A few years ago a crime wave swept Hongkong, accompanied by riots. This was just before the war. Residents were stoned, police were shot and sometimes killed and violent crimes of other natures reported.

Urgent Meeting Called.

"An urgent meeting was called by the authorities and an act was passed empowering magistrates to order the use of the cat-o-nine-tails, up to 24 lashes, for certain types of crimes.

"Before the 'cat' was applied to a criminal the police usually rounded up a score or more of gangsters, herded them into the prison and in full view of the whipping scene. They were told why the prisoner was being punished and tell their friends what they had witnessed." Mr. Gnat stressed that criminals in Hongkong are of the same type to be found in Shanghai and that the "cat" method of punishment proved highly satisfactory in Hongkong and would no doubt prove the same there.

He does not, however, advocate the "cat" for persons who are first offenders or for minor crimes. During the serious trouble in Hongkong, Mr. Gnat stated, as high as 15 persons a day were "cat" and the scene witnessed by scores of other criminals.

The Chinese gangster-criminal, Mr. Gnat believes, would much rather face the prospect of five years in prison than a dozen strokes of the "cat." He related an incident of a foreigner being given 12 strokes of the "cat" at Hongkong for smuggling arms from a vessel in port.

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Amoy and Swatow	Van Heutz	January 14.
Manila	Emp. of Japan	January 14.
Australia and Manila	Taipei	January 14.
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Parcels 14th Dec. 1930.	Kashmir	January 16.
Japan and Shanghai	Tikarung	January 16.
Shanghai and Amoy	Kamo Maru	January 21.
Japan	Hakone Maru	January 21.
Straits	Katori Maru	January 23.
Japan and Shanghai	Pros. Johnson	January 24.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco 26 Dec. 1930.)	Emp. of Asia	January 26.
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Sam Shui and Wuchow	Tai Hing	Tues., Jan. 13, 4 p.m.
Manila	Pres. Pierce	Tues., Jan. 13, 4.30 p.m.
Swatow and Foochow	Chip Shing	Tues., Jan. 13, 5 p.m.
Manila and parcels only for Germany via Hamburg	Duisburg	Tues., Jan. 13, 5 p.m.
Sandakan	Yusang	Wed., Jan. 14, 10.30 a.m.
Amoy	Taiyuan	Wed., Jan. 14, 3.30 p.m.
Tourne	Chung Kong	Wed., Jan. 14, 5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Deli Maru	Thurs., Jan. 15, 8.30 a.m.
Straits	Van Heutz	Thurs., Jan. 15, 10 a.m.
Holhow and Bangkok	Kwei Yang	Thurs., Jan. 15, 12.30 p.m.
Dairen	Rhexenor	Thurs., Jan. 15, 5 p.m.
Holhow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	King Yuan	Fri., Jan. 16, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ching	Fri., Jan. 16, 1 p.m.
Japan	Kashgar	Fri., Jan. 16, 5 p.m.
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia	Kashgar	Fri., Jan. 16, 5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Kashmir	Sat., Jan. 17, K.P.O.
	Parcels	10th 4.30 p.m.
	Registration	Jan. 17, 9.00 a.m.
	Letters	10.00 a.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Parcels	10th 5.00 p.m.
	Registration	Jan. 17, 9.45 a.m.
	Letters	10.30 a.m.
	(Due Marseilles, 14th Feb.)	
Sandakan	Mausang	Sat., Jan. 17, 10 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Hosang	Sat., Jan. 17, noon.
	Parcels	1 p.m.
	Letters	1 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Canton Maru	Sun., Jan. 18, 9 a.m.
Sandakan	Mau Sang	Sun., Jan. 18, 9 a.m.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and *Europe via Victoria B.C.	Pros. Pierce	Mon., Jan. 19, 3 p.m.
	Parcels	4.15 p.m.
	Registration	4.15 p.m.
	Letters	5 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Parcels	Mon., Jan. 19, 5 p.m.
	Registration	5 p.m.
	Letters	6 p.m.
	(Due Marseilles 20th Feb.)	
*Shanghai, *Japan and Honolulu via Thursday Island	Shinyo Maru	Mon., Jan. 19, 5.00 p.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand	Tai Ping	Tues., Jan. 20, 5 p.m.
	Parcels	Jan. 20, 9.45 a.m.
	Registration	Jan. 20, 9.45 a.m.
	Letters	10.30 a.m.
	(Due Thursday Island 31st Jan.)	
Manila and Java via Sourabaya	Tikarung	Tues., Jan. 20, 9.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hinyang	Tues., Jan. 20, 1.00 p.m.
Suigon, *Straits, *Ceylon, *India, *Mauritius, *East and *South Africa, Aden, *Egypt and *Europe via Marseilles	General Metzinger	Tues., Jan. 20, K.P.O.
	Registration	1 p.m.
	Letters	1 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Registration	1.45 p.m.
	Letters	2.30 p.m.
	(Due Marseilles 20th Feb.)	
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Sarpedon	Tues., Jan. 20, K. P. O.
	Registration	4.30 p.m.
	Letters	4.30 p.m.
	G. P. O.	
	Registration	5 p.m.
	Letters	5 p.m.
	(Due Marseilles 18th February.)	
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	Kamo Maru	Thurs., Jan. 22, 8.45 a.m.
	Registration	8.45 a.m.
	Letters	9.30 a.m.
	(Due Thursday Island 4th February.)	
Shanghai, Japan and *Europe via Siberia	Hakone Maru	Fri., Jan. 23, 3.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Katori Maru	Sat., Jan. 24, K.P.O.
	Registration	Jan. 23, 4.30 p.m.
	Letters	Jan. 23, 4.30 p.m.
	G. P. O.	
	Registration	Jan. 24, 8.45 a.m.
	Letters	9.30 a.m.
	(Due Marseilles 22nd February.)	

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It is learned that Mr. Kimura, among other things, will press for the completion of the Kirin-Tunhua Railway to the Korean border in return for various concessions which Japan is prepared to make regarding railway construction in Manchuria.

Other points which Mr. Kimura is expected to take up include, firstly the repayment of Japanese

loans to Mukden and the construction of the Taonan-Tailishan and Kirin-Tunhua lines on which no interest has thus far been paid; secondly, the question of China's violation of the agreement to refrain from constructing railways competing with the South Manchurian Railway. Regarding the first, it is understood that Japan is prepared to make the terms of repayment as easy as possible, and as regards the second it is probable that Japan is prepared to overlook the violation of the agreement, provided some agreement is reached whereby the S.M.R. would be guaranteed a certain percentage of the freight which would ordinarily be carried on the S.M.R.—Editor.



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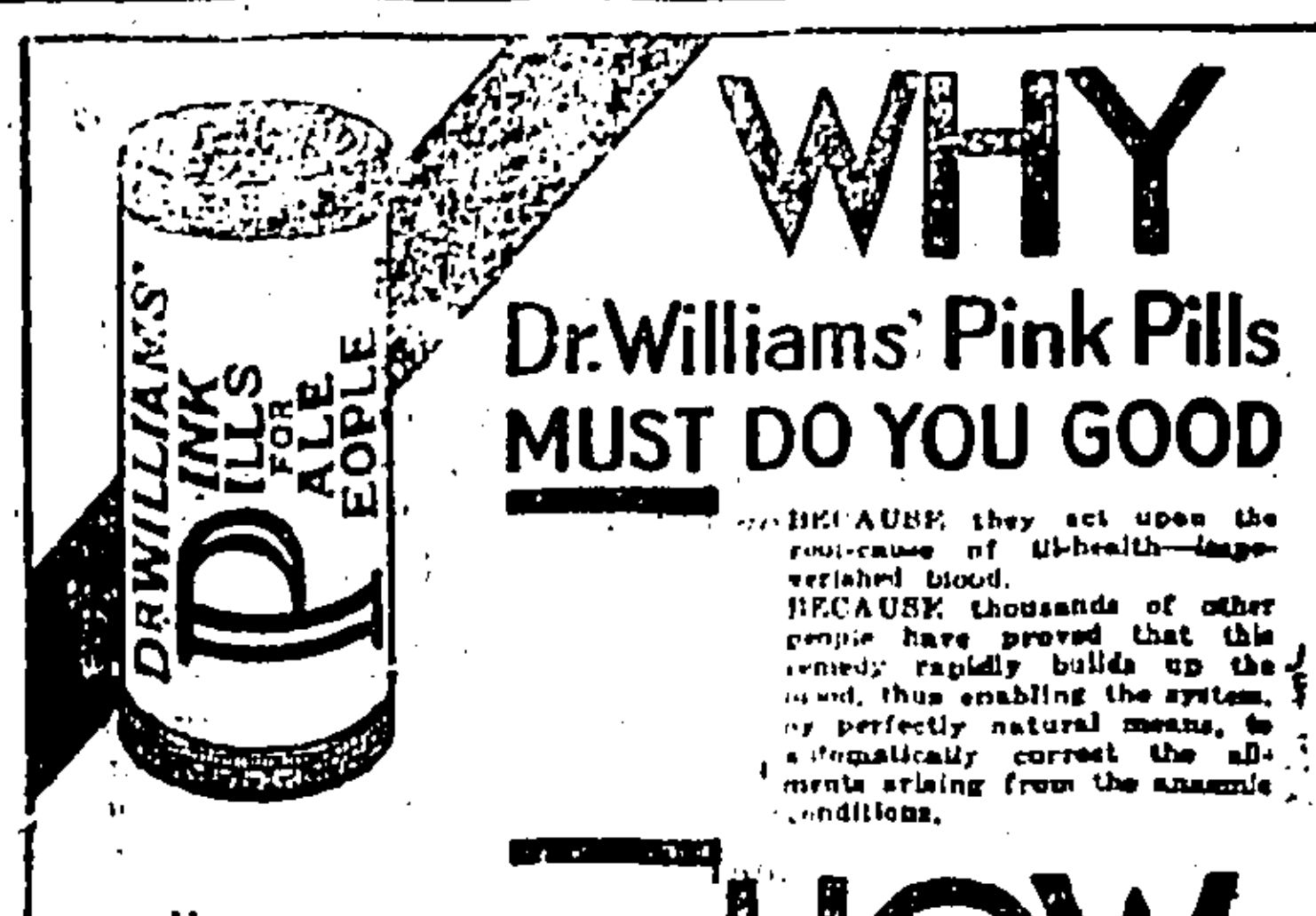
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AMMUNITION ON BOARD
A TRADING JUNK.

Charged with having had in his possession thirteen rounds of re-
volver ammunition on board a
junk, lying in the Yau-matli
typhoon shelter on December 26,
a Chinese, Chau Tim, appeared be-
fore Mr. Butters, at the Kowloon
Magistrate's Court yesterday afternoon,
and through his solicitor, Mr. F.
C. E. Rendall, tendered a plea of
not guilty.

According to Detective Sergeant
Fitches a party of police under
Detective Inspector Fallon pro-
ceeded from the Yau-matli pier to
some junks lying in the typhoon
shelter to conduct a search. When
they got near the junks several
people appeared and one man,
wearing a dark overcoat and black
hat, was seen to run over the three
junks lying alongside each other.
Witness boarded the nearest junk
and gave chase and arrested the
man. The defendant was search-
ed by a Chinese detective and the
ammunition found in his pocket.
In reply to Mr. Rendall, witness
said that they had no warrant.
They went to search the junk on
information received.

Detective Inspector Fallon,
after giving similar evidence add-
ed that the information they re-
ceived was to the effect that there
was a party of men on board a
junk who had a Mauser pistol and
a revolver and were contemplating
a piratical attack on a ferry
launch. Witness, in reply to Mr.
Rendall said that no pistol or re-
volver was found on the junk
mentioned when it was searched.

The police interpreter of the
Yau-matli station produced the
statement made by the defendant,
the following: "I was carrying this
ammunition to Chinese territory
for other purposes. I know it is
unlawful, but I carried it for
friendship."

Story for Defence.

Outlining the story for the de-
fence, Mr. Rendall said that the
defendant and his brother owned a
junk, 4023, trading between
Hong Kong and Si Kiu. On Decem-
ber 25 they returned from Si Kiu
with a cargo of sugar-cane and
vegetables. On the day previous
to the police raid, a man named
Chau Yee, well-known to defend-
ant's brother, came on board with
another man Leung Shu-hi. Leung
asked the defendant to carry a
small parcel to Si Kiu, which de-
fendant said he would do. Leung
handed over the parcel to the de-
fendant, who put it into his pocket
without knowing what it contained.
The two visitors then left, but
Chau Yee returned later. That
night another man, Wong Sing,
also came on board to sell opium.
During the night defendant, feel-
ing something hard in the pocket,
opened it and discovered that it
contained ammunition. As it was
late he kept it in his pocket and
went to sleep. When he got up
the following morning and saw the
police launch approaching, with
Wong Sing in it, he suspected
something and ran away. It was
then that Chau Yee pointed him
out to the police and he was ar-
rested.

After the defendant had given
evidence bearing out this story,
Mr. Rendall pleaded guilty to
technical offence, in that the de-
fendant knew that the parcel con-
tained ammunition but still kept
it in his possession, and still kept
it in his possession.

Mr. Butters imposed a sen-
tence of one year's imprisonment.

CHINA DECLINES.

AMERICAN OFFER OF SILVER
LOAN.

Peking, Jan. 12.

Mr. T. V. Soong, Finance
Minister of the Chinese Govern-
ment, in the course of an interview
with Chinese correspondents at
Tientsin is reported to have de-
clared that he is well aware that
the fall in silver has seriously af-
fected China's financial condition,
making payments of foreign debts
much harder and constituting an
obstacle to the import of
machinery, et cetera, needed in the

LOCAL RADIO.

CHINESE STUDIO CONCERT
TODAY.

To-day's radio programme to be
broadcast by Z. B. W. on a wave-
length of 355 metres.
5.00-5.05 p.m. European Pro-
gramme of Columbia Records kindly
supplied by Messrs. Anderson Music
Co.
5.00-5.40 p.m. Orchestral.
Stenka Razin (Glazounow).
Brussels Royal Conservatoire
Orchestra. 2183-2184.
Overture (Weber).
Willem Mengelberg and His Concert
Orchestra. 2312-2313.
Ruy Blas-Overture.
B. B. C. Wireless Symphony
Orchestra. 9278.
5.40-6.10 p.m. Musical Comedy.
That's A Good Girl-Fancy Our
Meeting.
The One I'm Looking For (From
That's A Good Girl).
Jack Buchanan and Elsie Randolph
with Debroy Somers Band. 9402.
The Desert Song (Selections).
Debroy Somers' Band. 3200.
On With The Show, 1930 (Selections).
Debroy Somers' Band. 74.
6.10-6.35 p.m. Band Selections.
The Black Domino Overture.
B. B. C. Wireless Military Band. 25.
Regimental Marches.
The National Military Band. 138.
Marche Slav.
The Regimental Band of H. M.
Grenadier Guards. 59.
6.35-7.25 p.m. Orchestral Selections
(arr. Ewing).
J. H. Squire Celeste Octet. 9440.
Song-The Kerry Dance (Molloy).
Song-The Song My Mother Sang.
Doris Vane (Soprano). 157.
Violin Solo-Slavonic Dance in G.
Minor (Dvorak-Kreisler).
Joseph Szegedi. 2097.
Duet-Excelsior (Longfellow and
Balfre).
Hubert Elsdell and Norman Allin. 79.
Cello Solo-Melodie (Glinka and
Squire).
W. H. Squire. 2060.
Quartette-I See My Love At The
Window, b Calliope.
Lions Quartette of Seattle. 5170.
Organ Solo-Scherzo (Commette).
Edouard Commette. 5316.
Cello Solo-Reverie (Dukler).
W. H. Squire. 2059.
7.25-8.00 p.m. Operatic.
Song-La Tosca-Vinci D'Arte
(Puccini).
Song-Cavalleria Rusticana-Voi Lo
Sapete (Mascagni).
Eva Turner (Soprano). 2118.
Duet-II Trovatore (Verdi).
Arrangi Lombardi and Carlo
Galeffi. 2157.
Song-Lucia Di Lammermoor (Mad
Scene) (Donizetti).
Song-Lucia Di Lammermoor (Cover
With Bitter Tears).
A. M. Guglielmelli (Soprano). 2052.
Song-The Mikado-A More Humane
Mikado (Gilbert and Sullivan).
Song-The Mikado-The Willow.
Arnold Williams (Soprano). 180.
8.00 p.m. Chinese Studio Concert.
9.00 p.m. Weather Report. Local
Time, etc.
11.30 p.m. Close Down.

SUGAR MARKET.

THE LATEST CABLED
QUOTATIONS.

The following cabled quotations
at the close of the sugar markets
yesterday have been received by
Messrs. Pentreath and Co.:

London Terminals.
March 6/1 1/2 up 3/4.
May 6/3 1/2 down 1/4.
August 6/6 1/2 no change.
December 6/10 1/2 no change.
New York Terminals.
March 1.33 down 1 pts.
May 1.39 down 2 pts.
July 1.46 down 3 pts.
September 1.53 down 2 pts.
December 1.60 down 3 pts.
Cuban .96 1/2 C.I.F. U.K. value
6/1 1/2.
Russian Crystals—2 cargoes;
prompt shipment, sold to India
7/3.
Java Market.—Seller holding
back awaiting result of Conference
in Europe. Quote Whites F.O.B.
183 1/2.
constructive development of the
country, but he does not approve of
the proposal for a large silver loan
to China, which proposal is
"obviously detrimental" to China.
Mr. Soong said that America is
anxious to lend a large quantity of
raw silver, as the silver mines in
America are hard hit by the slump,
but other means must be found to
restore a better exchange rate be-
tween gold and silver.—Reuter.

S. P. C. A.

THE FINANCIAL DRIVE
OF 1930.

All subscriptions for the 1930
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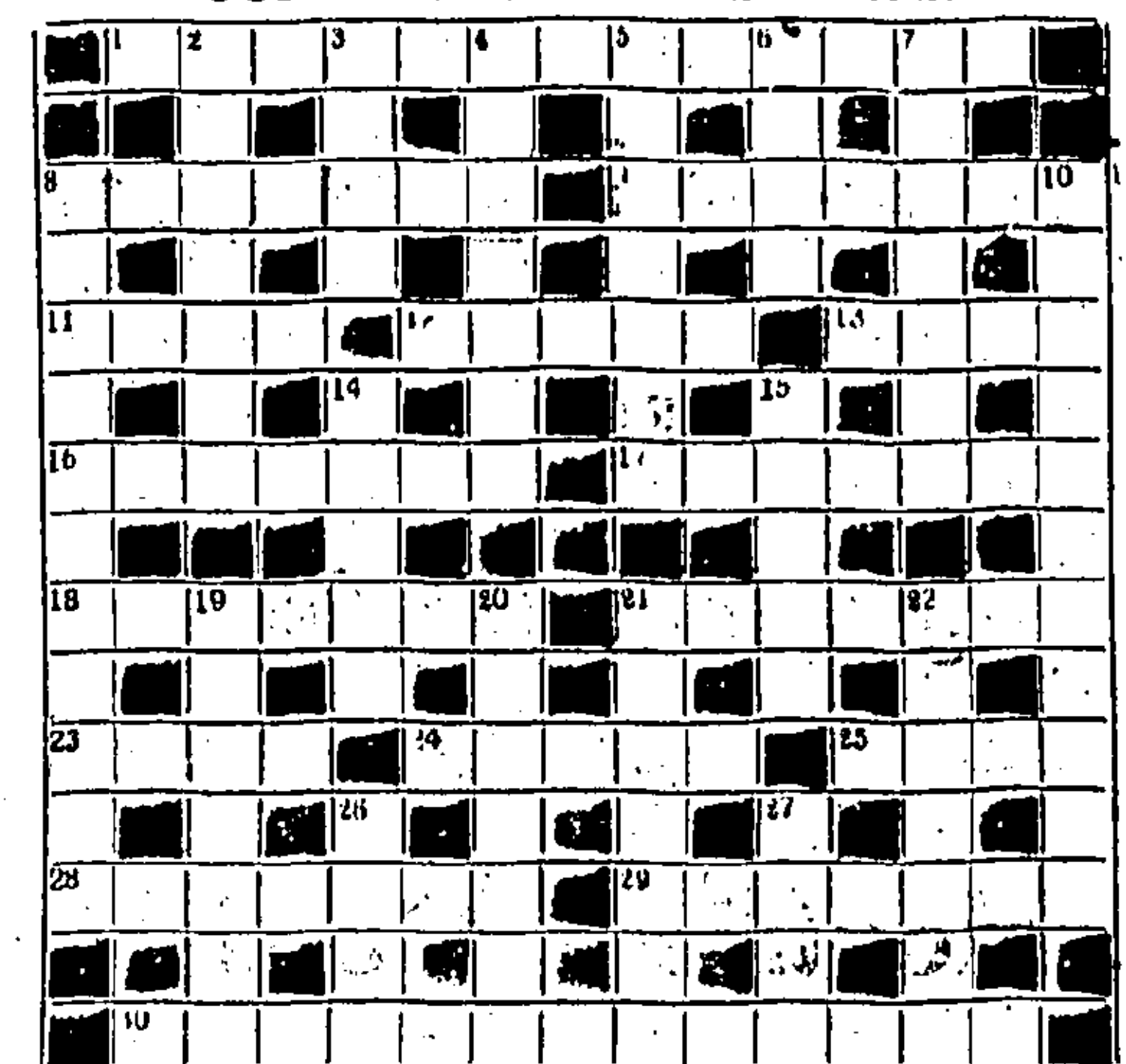
STICKLERS



Yesterday's Solution.

The answer to the bookworm puzzle is two and one-half inches. You will find that, when three books are placed together, as in the sketch, the first page of the first volume and the last page of the third volume are the ones that are actually nearest to the middle volume. That would mean that the book-worm has only four covers and the distance of the middle book to go, which is a total of two and one-half inches.

OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



Across.

- 1 "No zero in caves" (anag.).
- 8 This Sussex town takes its name from the French word for the swallow.
- 9 Very old-fashioned.
- 11 Please listen to him. Let my pupil explain (hidden).
- 12 Stayed in a dwelling-place.
- 13 At the head of the chapter.
- 14 Put into action.
- 17 A little Somerset town.
- 18 This form of affectation was very pronounced in the days of Beau Brummel.
- 21 Describe the Wandering Jew.
- 23 Give this fresh water an extra head and it will be a deep-sea fish.
- 24 An anagram of 14 down.
- 25 Give this fairy scope and she will be useful in the Navy.
- 28 Tobacco that is not a mixture (two words).
- 29 His son nets them all in. He will stand a paltry dinner at every opportunity (hidden).
- 30 "Break on the red" (anag.).

Down.

- 2 Wealthy.
- 3 Clearly seen in evidence.
- 4 May be ruled.
- 5 Here part of a lock is given—in fact, it is all given.
- 6 The measurable part of a hoisting machine.
- 7 Don't worry if you can't get this clue quite right; your nearest will do.

Yesterday's Solution.

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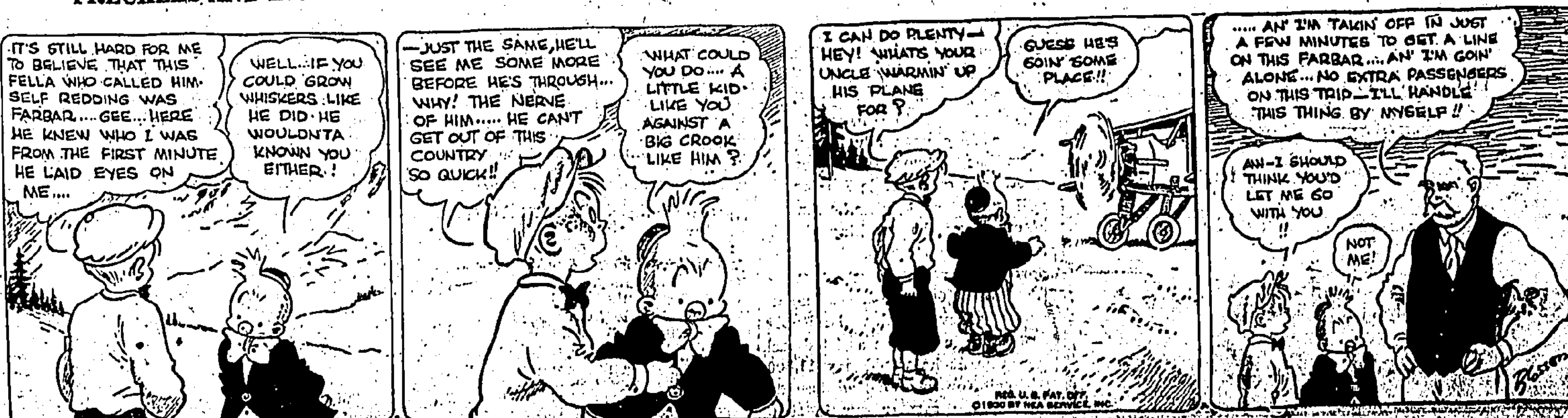
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ANNOUNCEMENT.

Miss W. E. Dakin and Mr. S. A.
Sleep invite their friends to their
wedding at the Peak Church on
Monday, January the 19th, at
3.30 p.m. and afterwards at Hill
Crest, 114, Peak.

DEATH.

BARR.—At the Government Civil
Hospital, on Monday, 12th
January, 1931, William Robert
Barr, age 28, late of Shanghai,
only son of John Barr formerly
of the Hongkong & China
Gas Company, Ltd. Funeral
on Wednesday, passing the
Monument at 5 p.m.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

TUESDAY, JAN. 13, 1931.

THE DOLLAR AND THE TAE.

The dollar and the tael are so
completely in the doldrums that
any proposal having as its object
the improvement of monetary ex-
change rates is certain to
attract the widest attention,
both in Hongkong and China.
Things have reached such a
pass, indeed, that no suggested
remedy can lightly be disregarded,
no scheme, however drastic
and revolutionary in its essentials,
can be dismissed except after the
most careful consideration. Any
proposal that offers a reasonable
prospect of feasibility, warrants a
closer examination. This much,
at least, we think, can be claimed
for the suggestion advanced
through our columns last week
and amplified yesterday, involving
the imposition by the Chinese
Government of a heavy duty on
importations of silver, the collec-
tion of sufficient funds to provide
for a drawback cover on the metal
already in the country, and strict
supervision over silver movements,
in and out of China. The aim, brief-
ly stated, is to give stability to the
tael at a figure calculated to be
of assistance equally to importers
and exporters. The author, a
prominent bullion broker, who de-
sires for good and sufficient rea-
sons to preserve his anonymity,
considers 2/- to be the minimum
rate to which the tael should be
allowed to go. The proposals
therefore call for the imposition of
such a duty upon silver, varying
from time to time with the forward
quotations of silver in London, as
will guarantee this end. An illu-
stration of the working of the
scheme reveals that while the im-
porter to-day must pay 17,200 1/3
taels for \$1,000 worth of goods
and, say, seven and a half per
cent. duty, under the assisted tael
arrangement he would pay 11,500
2/- taels for the same goods. He
would pay a greater sum in ster-

ling, though so much less in tael.
The sterling difference represents
the contribution of the importer
to the "drawback fund," which he
could not grudge in the face of
the immense compensation in tael
equivalents. What would other-
wise be a wroking factor is ap-
parently adequately met by the
proposal to limit the export of
silver to five million ounces a
month.

We confess we see no overpower-
ing objection, no insuperable ob-
stacle, to the adoption of the plan
for China, drastic as it undoubtedly
is. The trouble is too grave,
deep-seated, to permit of measures
less vigorous if any effort at all
is to be made to combat it. But
what of Hongkong? The Colony's
situation is not less critical. The
cost of living rises rapidly, the in-
creasing cost of government adds
to the heavy burden and the sav-
ings of the European community,
at least, are fast disappearing.
Should the dollar remain at its
present ludicrously low level,
poverty will stalk the footsteps of
a large part of the community
(presuming "adjustment" con-
tinues to lag so heavily in the
rear) and the Treasury will be
the first to admit insolvency. The
best thought of our currency "ex-
perts" has not, as far as we are
aware, carried them beyond the
ritualistic doctrine that Hongkong
must follow China. The question
naturally arises, What would be
the position of Hongkong presum-
ing the Nanking Finance Minister
thought favourably of the silver
duty proposal? It is obvious at
once that, without considerable
modifications, the plan is not ap-
plicable to Hongkong. We have
no great customs organisation
adaptable for the primary work-
ings of the scheme. The Govern-
ment would derive no advantage
from the savings on its sterling
commitments, heavy as they are,
if those savings were required to
cover a drawback, while drawback
contributions from importers could
not be collected in existing con-
ditions.

We can conceive of no stronger
argument in favour of independent
action by the Government. If it
be proved impracticable to place a
heavy local duty on silver, what
becomes of the "Follow China"
dictum in the event of Nanking
action along such lines? It falls
to the ground so completely that
Humpty Dumpty of nursery fame
would offer a simple task of re-
construction by comparison. If
that were all, it would be quite
enough. When, however, we con-
sider the probable effects on Hong-
kong's trade of such a situation,
China trading on an assisted tael
and Hongkong tied helplessly to
silver, the demand gathers ur-
gency. We have at all times de-
clined to admit that stabilisation
offers serious difficulties. The
Colony has been drifting to dis-
aster in the wake of a dead-wood
dictum. It is fully in the hands of
the Government to make life much
easier for the residents of the
Colony, and to settle all its own
financial problems at one and the
same time. Courage and resource
are the chief requirements. Even
the idea of introducing the pound
sterling and shillings and pence
into the Colony is not more fan-
tastic than the daily dollar devia-
tions.

The War Debt Question.

When we commented, a few
days ago, on the question of the
desirability of a cancellation or
modification of the war debts, in
the interests of world trade, we
hardly expected advocacy of that
course to come so soon from an
American quarter. As will be seen
by an overnight telegram, how-
ever, the Chairman of the Chase
National Bank has now come for-
ward with the view that it would
be good business for the United
States Government to initiate debt
reduction at this juncture. In our
recent comments, we showed that
much of the present burden of
trade depression could be lifted
if this war debt problem were
squarely faced. It is now certain
that if the United States were to
broach the matter, there would be
a ready response in Europe, not

DAY BY DAY

OF ALL THAT WE KNOW, THERE
IS PRACTICALLY NOTHING THAT HAS
BEEN THE SUBJECT OF ANY DIRECT
INVESTIGATION ON OUR PART: EVERY
NOTION WE HAVE HAS BEEN ACCEPTED
BY US ON THE WORD OF SOME-
BODY ELSE.—Clare, etc.

The Empress of Canada, arrived
at Vancouver on the 20th instant.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Cormie re-
turned by the a.s. President Mad-
ison.

The Empress of Japan, from
Manila, is due here at 1.00 p.m.
to-morrow and will anchor off
Kowloon Docks.

Owing to the death of the
Princess Royal, the Canton Branch
of the Society of St. George have
postponed their annual ball until
February 28th.

so much because the debtor coun-
tries do not like paying, but be-
cause the colossal dislocation of
trade which the payment of these
vast sums entails has had such a
serious effect on the economic
situation. Quite recently, a lead-
ing British banking authority
showed that the United States and
France, the two creditor nations,
are themselves seriously feeling
the effect of pressure of war debts
and reparations upon the debtor
nations, thus wholeheartedly sup-
porting the recent statement of
Sir Robert Borden in Ottawa that
debt repayment is at the root of
much of the existing commercial
stagnation. The trouble is that
in order to accumulate the neces-
sary amount of foreign currency,
the debtors have to stimulate their
exports on an uncommercial basis.
This process induces the cry of
sweated labour and dumping,
with the result that tariffs are
raised against the goods in ques-
tion. Yet somehow these goods
must be sold if the creditor is to
be paid, and so prices fall and
general unsettlement begins to
manifest itself in the debtor coun-
tries, whereupon the creditors get
uneasy and become still more in-
clined to take nothing but gold
in payment. Thus a vicious cir-
cle is being established—the more
the creditors are uneasy, the more
they demand gold; and the more
they demand gold, the more does
their uneasiness appear to be
justified. On the point of the na-
ture of the war debts, it is per-
tinent to observe that they stand in
quite a different category from
ordinary commercial debts. The
Allied debts were incurred, and
their loans were made, not for the
separate advantage of each or
any of them, but for one great
purpose common to all, and
amongst generously minded
people, the mere monetary aspect
will never be regarded as a thing
apart. It is the special nature of
these inter-Government war debts
which provides justification for
concession and adjustment which
it would be wholly impracticable
to concede to any other type of
debts.

STAGNANT SCOTLAND.

The Causes of her Dwindling Population.

ON April 26, 1931, there is to
be a census of the population
of Great Britain. It is ten years
since the last census, but on that
occasion, owing to a mining
strike, the census was postponed
from April to June, and on the
day selected many people were at
the seaside enjoying the warm
sunny weather. St. Andrews,
moreover, was crowded out with
competitors and visitors for the
Open Golf Championship, which
was held during the following
week. It will be no surprise if
St. Andrews finds its population
considerably reduced when next
year's figures are available.

But what about Scotland as a
whole? According to the latest
estimates of the Registrar-General,
Scotland's population is dwindling
and has been on the down grade
for years. It is his belief that
during the twelve months of 1929
the decrease was as much as 0.18
per cent. or 90,000, and that the
total now stands at 4,834,000.
Before the war we had regarded
the population of Scotland as a
five millions in round figures.
The heavy toll of deaths due to
the war, the steady drain of
emigration, and the lower ratio
of unemployment in the south of
England as compared with Scot-
land, have all contributed to re-
duce the total of Scotland's popu-
lation.

What booming trade means to
a country as compared with
stagnant industries can best be
grasped by the statistics of the
Ministry of Labour. Glasgow's
unemployed is now almost 90,000.
For years it has not fallen below
the 50,000 mark. London, eight
times larger and growing every
year, has an unemployed total of
only 188,468. In one year the
population of England and Wales
rose by 125,000 or 1.32 per cent.
That estimate of the Registrar-
General is borne out by the
statistics of the Labour Ex-
changes; for as men move about
the country seeking for work
their movements are tabulated at
the bureaux.

Crippled Industries.

It has been established beyond
the shadow of a doubt that in
the last five years the insured
population in the southern half
of England has steadily increased,
while the northern half of
England has slowly declined,
and Scotland's population has
dwindled appreciably. At the
moment the southern half of
England includes almost 50 per
cent. of the total insured popu-
lation. Wales, whose population
was supported by the coal in-
dustry, has dwindled rapidly,
the population having to move else-
where to find employment.
Scotland's industries, and
especially those of coal mining,

iron and steel making, and ship-
building have all been badly hit
by depression, with the result
that the population has moved to
the overseas Dominions, to the
United States of America, and to
some extent also to the south of
England, and especially London.

There has been a persistent cry
of "Trade Moving South" in
recent days. Is it true, and if
so, to what extent?

It may be said to date from
that disastrous day when an un-
grateful Government decided to
close down Rosyth dockyard.
Had all the dockyards been closed,
English as well as Scottish, on
the ground of economy, the blow
would have been easier to bear.
But only Rosyth and a small yard
in Wales were closed. The
English yards were retained, and
to this day they give employment
to many men, whereas Rosyth,
which, because of its magnificent
strategical situation virtually won
the war so far as the Fleet was
concerned, has ceased to rank as
a dockyard. That decision was
momentous, for since then succe-
ssive Governments have spent
millions on London and its neigh-
bourhood, but refused Scotland
its ship canal, or the Forth its
road bridge at Queensferry.

Add to these things the effect
which safeguarding and special
duties have had. New factories
spring up along the main roads
and by the side of the principal
railways near London, but largely
missed Scotland. By mass pro-
duction of new wares, keen or-
ganisation, more modern methods
of salemanship, the big multiple
traders from the south have
penetrated into the north of
England and Scotland, and the
trade which they are capturing is
keeping factories busy in the
south of England. In the smallest
country town in Scotland the
English manufacturers and
traders have their retail stores
and their agencies. Ten years
ago these were very rare; but
nowadays they are to be found
everywhere, and always with fine
premises and on the best sites.

Scottish Emigrants.

During the boom years in the
United States the flow of emigra-
tion across the Atlantic was very
great. It has fallen off now.
Commencing, however, about the
winter of 1921-22 artisans in
thousands sought employment in
the United States. If unemploy-
ment now prevails in America and
the flow of emigration has de-
creased, yet tens of thousands of
people from Scotland have now
settled and become citizens of an
alien country. During five years
it is estimated that emigration to
Canada and the United States
carried with it as many Scots as
English, though the population of
(Continued on Page 7.)



"My ideal of a husband is one who is amiable and agreeable and yet at the same time
dominant and protective."
"Lady, it sounds as though you wished to eat your breadwinner and have him too."

LOCAL AVIATION ENTERPRISE.

AMERICAN COMPANY OPENS IN HONGKONG.

PLANES FOR CANTON.

Further local developments in aviation are foreshadowed by the opening up in Hongkong of the L.E. Gale and Company, Inc., U.S.A., of Shanghai and Hankow, a company carrying considerable aviation interests which is well known in the North. Mr. A.W. Summers, formerly connected with Messrs. Thos. Cook and Son, Limited, and who was the first Hon. Secretary of the Hongkong Flying Club, has been placed in charge of the South China headquarters for the Company's Aviation Division, his office being located on the top floor of Union Building.

The Aviation Division is under supervision of Mr. G. W. Brophy, United States transport pilot, who has had many years of experience in aviation in Mexico, Central America and the United States. The expansion of aircraft development in China within recent years is notable, evidence of this being found in the number of machines which took part in the recent uprising in the North, but with the cessation of hostilities commercial enterprise is taking a hand, and more and more attention is being directed to the peaceful branch of flying. China presents an extremely large field for transport by air because of the very meagre transport facilities available by rail and water routes, and those air lines already in existence give promise of much extension in the future.

With business connections established over a large area, the establishment of mail and passenger routes running to schedule will be welcomed by business men in China, as they will be in much closer touch with sub-agencies, branches and important centres in the interior.

A welcoming hand is extended to Mr. Summers, for his success may indirectly mean much in the way of facilitating business operations and communications in China. The L. E. Gale Company have offices at Shanghai, Hankow, Tientsin and Chungking, and they are representatives in the Far East for the United Aircraft and Transport Corporation, the Detroit Aircraft Corporation, the Waco Aircraft Company, the Glenn I. Martin Company and the Warner Aircraft Corporation.

The Company has sold and delivered over 75 aeroplanes in less than two years. Recently an agreement was entered into for the Company to supply six Waco Military Type aeroplanes, powered with 240 h.p. engines, and two Model B-5 Ryan commercial machines, to the Canton Aviation Bureau. Both the Ryans are, at present, engaged on the Canton-Wuchow air line, under the supervision of the Canton Government.

LOCAL ESTATES.

PROBATE AND LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION.

Family bequests are contained in the will of the late Mr. Cecil Percy Dawson, retired from the Chinese Maritime Customs, late of No. 100, Avenue du Roi Albert, Shanghai, who died at Shanghai on November 12, 1930, leaving Hongkong estate to the value of \$10,600. Re-issuing of certified copy of probate has been granted to Mr. D. J. Lewis, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, who is attorney for the widow, Pauline Louise Dawson, of Shanghai. The late Mr. Dawson was formerly of Victoria, Canada.

Chung Lam, formerly employed as a conductor by the Tramway Company of Manila, who died intestate at No. 18, Yunnan Lane, Yau-mai, on or about July 16, 1930, left local estate worth \$3,200. Letters of administration have been granted to the widow, Chung Tui-shi, living at the Yunnan Lane address.

Local estate to the value of \$1,000 was left by the late Mrs. Margaret Broadbent, missionary, who died at the Matilda Hospital on January 31, 1930. Letters of administration have been granted to her husband, Mr. Emmott Lacey Broadbent, also a missionary, living at No. 25, Po Kong Road, Kowloon City.

Two electric motor pumps, valued at \$70, were stolen yesterday from the basement of No. 55 and 57, Wongachong Road. They were the property of X. B. Lee, a building contractor, and his folks are suspected of having been the culprits.

Bill Melhorn and Bobby Cruickshank, the noted American golfers, arrived in the Colony this morning and were met by Col. Matthews, Secretary of the Golf Club. They are to meet in an exhibition match at Fanling to-morrow afternoon, an attraction which is sure to appeal to all golf enthusiasts.

THE INDIA FEDERAL UNION PLAN.

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empowered to secure the enactment of such legislative measures as may be essential for the discharging of his responsibilities on these subjects. The Sub-Committee anticipated that in the event of its becoming necessary to use these powers, the Governor-General would not ordinarily do so without consulting his Ministers, even though the responsibility for any action taken would be his.

Constitutional Rights.

Regarding the subjects in the administration on which the Governor-General would act on the advice of his Ministers, it is generally agreed that in the last resort he must be responsible for the arrangements for securing peace and tranquillity in any part of India. Members of the Public Services must be secured in any right guaranteed to them by the Constitution, and it is agreed for this purpose that the Governor-General must have special powers.

In the sphere of finance, the Sub-Committee regarded as a fundamental condition of success of the new Constitution that no room should be left for doubts as to the ability of India to maintain her financial stability, both at home and abroad.

It would, therefore, be necessary to reserve to the Governor-General such essential powers as would enable him to intervene if methods were being pursued which would prejudice India in the money markets of the world.

The Sub-Committee recommended that efforts should be made to establish on a sure foundation, and free from any political influence, as early as possible, a Reserve Bank entrusted with this management of currency and exchange. With the same object, provisions should be made for the introduction of a Bill dealing with coinage.

The Sub-Committee were further agreed that the services of a loan for adequate provision for salaries and pensions of persons appointed under the guarantees given by the Secretary of State should be secured, along with special requirements, as a Consolidated Fund Charge.

Fiscal Policy.

With this exception, there would be no difference between the Finance Minister and any other Minister, and with regard to taxation and fiscal policy he would be responsible.

The Sub-Committee recognised that it may be difficult under existing conditions to set up a Reserve Bank immediately, and therefore special provision will be necessary in the meantime to secure to the Governor-General adequate control of monetary policy and currency.

They assume also that the Governor-General will continue to have the right of refusing assent to legislative measures and of returning any Bill for consideration, and, subject to any instructions issued to the Governor-General, that the existing powers as to reservations and this allowance will remain.

In the event of a breakdown of the Constitution, adequate powers must be entrusted with the Governor-General for the purpose of enabling the King's Government to be carried on.

Legislature Issue.

In regard to the Legislature, the Sub-Committee proceeded on the basis there will be two Chambers—an Upper House, or Senate, comprising 150 members, and a Lower House comprising 200 members.

As to the qualification of members of the Upper House, it is suggested that a principle similar to those in force for the Council of State should apply in British India, and that the States should take measures to ensure the appointment of men of similar standing. The Committee suggested that the Provincial Legislatures should elect members to the Senate by a single transferable vote and that a fixed proportion of members of the Senate be replaced at regular periods.

The term of the Lower Chamber members should be five years, unless the Legislature were dissolved sooner by the Governor-General.

Difference of Opinion.

As regards the distribution of seats, there was a difference of opinion in the Committee, as also on the method of election, whether direct or indirect. Subject to any decisions of the Conference, places should be found for the minorities if possible in both Chambers, and certainly in the Lower Chamber for the depressed classes, Indian Christians, Europeans, Anglo-Indians, Indians, commercial representatives both European and Indian, and Labour.

For the purpose of securing greater stability to the Executive, the suggestion was made, and found large support, that Ministers should not be compelled to resign unless there was an adverse vote of two-thirds of both Cham-

COUNTERFEIT COIN POSSESSION.

TWO WOMEN SENTENCED AT KOWLOON.

SHOPS VICTIMISED.

Two women named Cheung Mo and Chan Mui respectively, were brought by Sub-Inspector Elston before Mr. Butters, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, on charges of having uttered four counterfeit ten-cent pieces and of possession.

The first defendant was also charged with possession of three counterfeit ten-cent pieces with intent to utter, and the second defendant with possession of eleven counterfeit ten-cent pieces with intent to utter.

Chan Kai-tai, shop foki of 13, Tai Kou Ling Street, said the two defendants came to the shop on Sunday and bought four pairs of clogs. They tendered sixty cents in ten-cent pieces. They went away, but the first defendant returned later and bought two more pairs, paying twenty-five cents in three ten-cent pieces. She was given five cents change. After she had gone, witness discovered that six ten-cent pieces were bad and three were good. He ran out into the street and saw the two defendants and asked them to change the six ten-cent pieces which they did.

Leung Tung, foki of a grocery shop in 14, Nga Tsin Wai Road, said that on Sunday last the two defendants came to the shop and each purchased some articles. They paid for each article they bought as it was delivered. The money was received by the accountant. He did not see the money they tendered.

The accountant of the shop, Wan Kam-pui, said that each of the defendants tendered two ten-cent pieces each for the eggs they bought. He gave them back nine cents. They each tendered two ten-cent pieces as they bought the other articles and were given their change back. Each of them gave four ten-cent pieces. Witness gave two of the ten-cent pieces to another customer who drew his attention to the fact that they were counterfeit. He then called his foki and told him to run after the two women. The defendants were brought back to the shop and handed them over to a Chinese detective.

After further evidence, the first defendant said that she received the coins among some change from a cloth seller, and together with the second defendant she went to pass the coins on to others. They did not know the coins were bad until the clog seller informed them of the fact.

Mr. Butters convicted the defendants on the first charge and sentenced them to four months' each. The first defendant was discharged on the second count and the second defendant sentenced to four months' concurrent with the first sentence on the second count against her.

SIXTEEN RUNNERS FINED.

ONE FISHED OUT OF THE HARBOUR.

No fewer than sixteen boarding-house runners were brought before the Hon. Commr. G. F. Ho, at the Marine Court this morning for boarding the President Pierce yesterday without permission from the master or the officer on duty.

All pleaded guilty. Sub-Inspector Munro informed his Worship that the defendants got on board before the President Pierce had been made fast alongside Kowloon Wharf. The police were called and the defendants were accordingly arrested. One of them attempted to escape by jumping overboard, but he was taken out of the water into custody.

The defendants were fined \$10 each, with the exception of four who had appeared before on the same offence. One had served three months and the maximum fine of \$50 was imposed on this defendant, while the other three were fined \$25 each.

bers sitting together. The Sub-Committee are of the opinion that some means should be devised whereby, in the interests of stability, an adverse vote should not on every occasion involve resignation.

Task Nearly Over.

The Round Table Conference is expected to end its task this week. It has been provisionally arranged to hold a full meeting of the Conference in committee on Thursday and Friday, and a Plenary Session on the latter day, when the Prime Minister will make a speech outlining the Government's proposals, to be embodied in a measure for presentation to Parliament.

The delegates expect to say farewell one to another next Monday at the latest.—British Wireless.

PAYMENT OF TAXES IN CANADA.

C. P. R. PRESIDENT ANSWERS C. N. R. OFFICIAL.

"The figures quoted by the president of the Canadian National Railways in respect of the taxes paid by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company during the years 1926, 1927, 1928 and 1929 fall very far short of telling the whole story," said E. W. Beatty, chairman and president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, in commenting on the taxation references of Sir Henry Thornton in his address before the Toronto Board of Trade Club recently.

"It was stated by the speaker," Mr. Beatty continued, "that the federal, provincial and municipal taxes paid by the Canadian National during these four years amounted to \$18,709,000, or an amount only \$3,000,000 less than that paid by the Canadian Pacific. While it may be possible that the figures were intended to be confined to taxes paid in respect of railway operations only, the fact is that during this period the Canadian Pacific actually paid in taxes of all classes over \$31,400,000, or approximately \$12,600,000, instead of \$3,000,000, more than the figure given for the Canadian National. Of the total amount paid by the Canadian Pacific, \$30,700,000 was paid in Canadian taxes, whereas a considerable portion of the Canadian National taxes are paid in the United States. The actual difference in the Canadian taxation is, therefore, very marked.

"The published figures of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics show that the taxes paid in connection with rail operations in Canada were: Canadian Pacific, \$21,865,000, Canadian National, \$18,615,000. The Canadian National has a greater mileage in Canada by 6,700 miles. The Canadian taxes per mile of line for each system (rail operations only), are: Canadian Pacific, \$384.81 per mile, and the Canadian National, \$170.18 per mile, excluding eastern lines which extend east of Quebec into the Maritimes, or \$162.2 per mile including eastern lines.

"Since the inception of the Federal Income Tax (1916), the Canadian Pacific has paid on this account alone \$25,471,197. "I have never heard it suggested that the Canadian National Railways do not pay provincial or municipal taxes, though their federal taxes must aggregate very little."

DEATH OF MR. WM. R. BARR.

PASSES AWAY AT GOVT. CIVIL HOSPITAL.

It is with sincere regret that we have to chronicle the death of Mr. William Robert Barr, who passed away at the Government Civil Hospital last evening from tuberculosis. The deceased, who was only 28 years of age, was a son of Mr. John Barr, who was for many years with the Hongkong and China Gas Co., Ltd., at West Point and Kowloon.

The late Mr. Barr, who came to Hongkong with his father as a small boy, was educated at the Diocesan Boys' School, and later he entered the piece-goods department of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Company. He then left their employment and went home to Yorkshire in order more closely to study the piece-goods business. On returning to Hongkong, he joined Messrs. Jardine and Matheson, auctioneers, with whom he remained for some years, and in 1924 he resigned his position with this firm and proceeded home again.

Subsequently, he came East again, proceeding to Shanghai as a manufacturers' agent, but, owing to the unsettled state of trade, he gave up this position and joined the Linotype and Machinery Company in Shanghai, in whose employment he remained.

Owing to reasons of health, the late Mr. Barr recently decided to make a trip to Australia, in the hope of recuperating, but unfortunately his condition became worse and on the ship's arrival in Hongkong on December 2nd last he had to be removed to the Government Civil Hospital, where he remained a patient until his death last evening.

The deceased gentleman was of a very genial disposition and was extremely popular amongst all who enjoyed his friendship. He did well at school and was an excellent Chinese scholar. He was, moreover, a talented musician and a man of marked organising ability. Well-known and greatly liked amongst the younger set in Hongkong, his death at such an early age will be deeply regretted, and much sympathy will be felt for his parents and sister, who reside at Bingley, in Yorkshire.

The funeral will, it is expected, take place to-morrow (Wednesday), passing the Monument at 5 p.m.

Mr. William E. Scotten, American Vice-Consul, arrived here by the s.s. President Placer, en route to his post at Saigon.

LIBERIAN SLAVE SCANDAL.

UNDERTAKING TO LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

COUNTER-MEASURES.

Geneva, Jan. 12. The Secretariat of the League of Nations has issued a copy of a letter received from the Liberian Charge D'Affaires at Geneva, stating that the Liberian Government accepts the principle of the recommendations of the International Commission of Inquiry, and undertakes to apply them "to the full extent of its resources."

Strong Press Comment.

London, Jan. 12. The report of the International Commission of Enquiry into the existence of slavery and forced labour in the Republic of Liberia, is given much prominence in the newspapers. The report shows that this Negro Republic has been tolerating, in the Commissioners' terms, "conditions of criminal compulsion scarcely distinguishable from slave-raiding and slave trading."

The Times says:—"The report exposes a maladministration so cruel and so corrupt, and the exploitation of native workers by their Negro masters so scandalous and so shameful, that the civilized world will not be satisfied until effective measures have been taken to substitute a system of justice for this reign of brute force, and to establish decent conditions of labour. The method by which the desired introduction of reforms can best be effected, is rather delicate and a difficult international question. Liberia is a member of the League of Nations. These affairs are at the same time considered in Washington to be a peculiar concern of the United States, and the attitude of the State Department in Washington is thus clearly of immediate importance."

In the meantime, the British Government has entered consideration of the report as an item on the agenda of the League Council at its forthcoming session. International diplomacy will have to be circumspect as well as resolute, in order to ensure that national susceptibilities do not hamper the civilization which the united opinion of the world will demand.—British Wireless.

STAGNANT SCOTLAND.

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the two countries is so disproportionate. The peak of this exodus was reached in 1923, when 46,343 persons sailed from the Clyde for the United States and 29,070 for Canada.

How the South has benefited at the expense of the North is exemplified in the case of Southampton. The rise to fame and prosperity of this important seaport has all taken place in the last ten years. It has now a population closely approaching 200,000, whereas just after the war it had barely 150,000. Southampton has seized its opportunities with both hands and has gone on developing its dock accommodation. By 1931 the first section of a new scheme to double the present quayage will be opened.

In all Scotland, from north to south and from east to west, there may be said to be not more than six places which can claim the distinction of a quick increase in population due to new industries. Ballachulish and Kinlochleven were founded for the manufacture of aluminium, and within the last year Inverloch, which combines this industry with that of hydro-electric energy for a wide area in the Highlands, are illustrations of what can be done to build up new communities. Inchinnan in Renfrewshire is another place of mushroom growth. There the manufacture of rubber tyres has assumed such proportions that a new factory is constantly being added, and houses for operatives are being built as quickly as workmen can put them together.

Scotland needs more of these new industries, for all too many of the old industries are stagnant and may never revive. The decrease in our population is primarily due to that fact.

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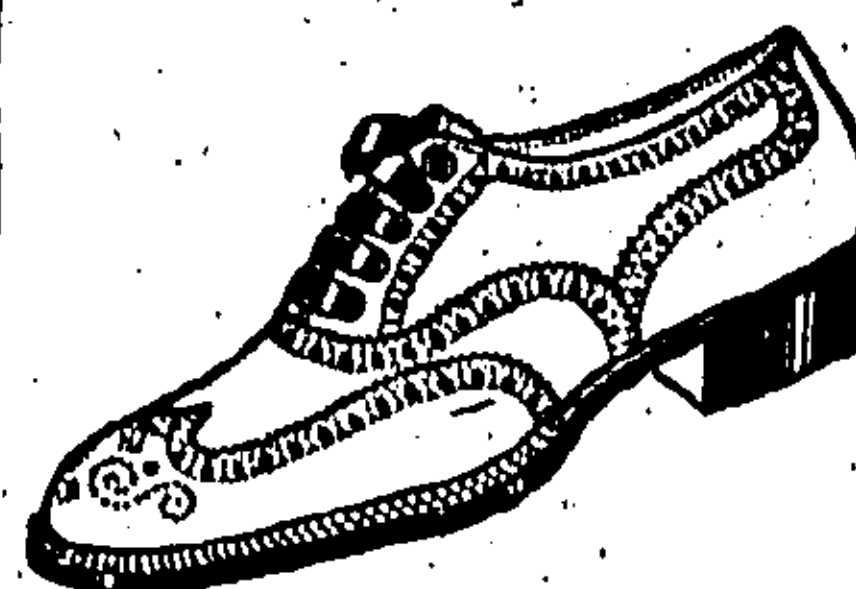
CLERK FAILS TO APPEAR.

WARRANT ISSUED FOR EMBEZZLEMENT.

Failing to appear before Mr. Williams at the Central Police Court this morning to answer a charge of embezzlement of \$5.20, Cheung Chak-pui, a clerk formerly employed by Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., had his bail of \$1,000 returned, and a warrant for his arrest was issued.

Mr. H. C. Macnamara appeared for the complainants.

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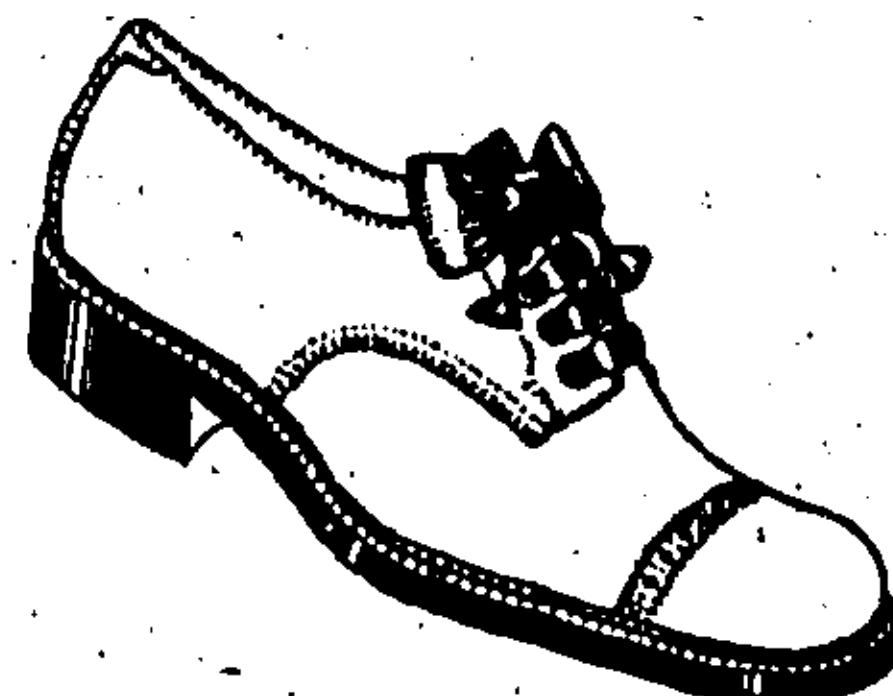
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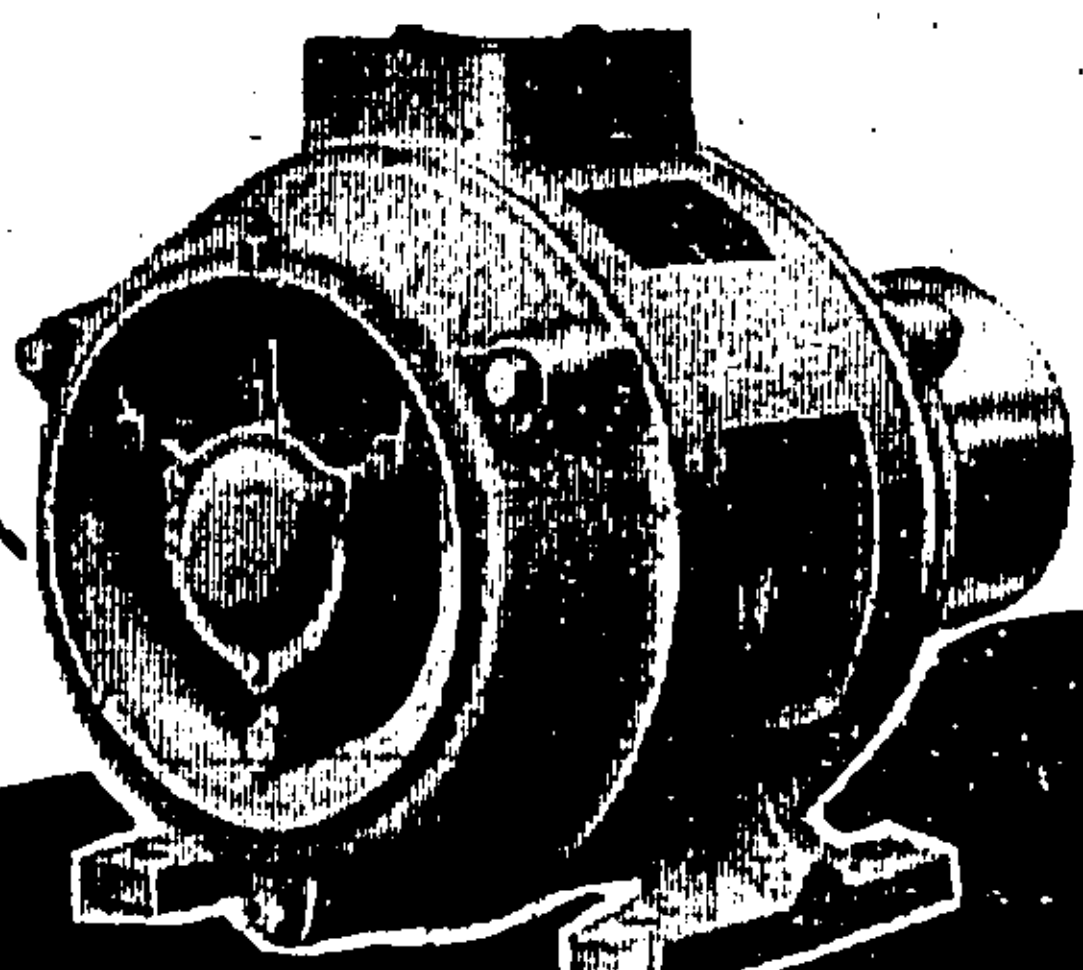
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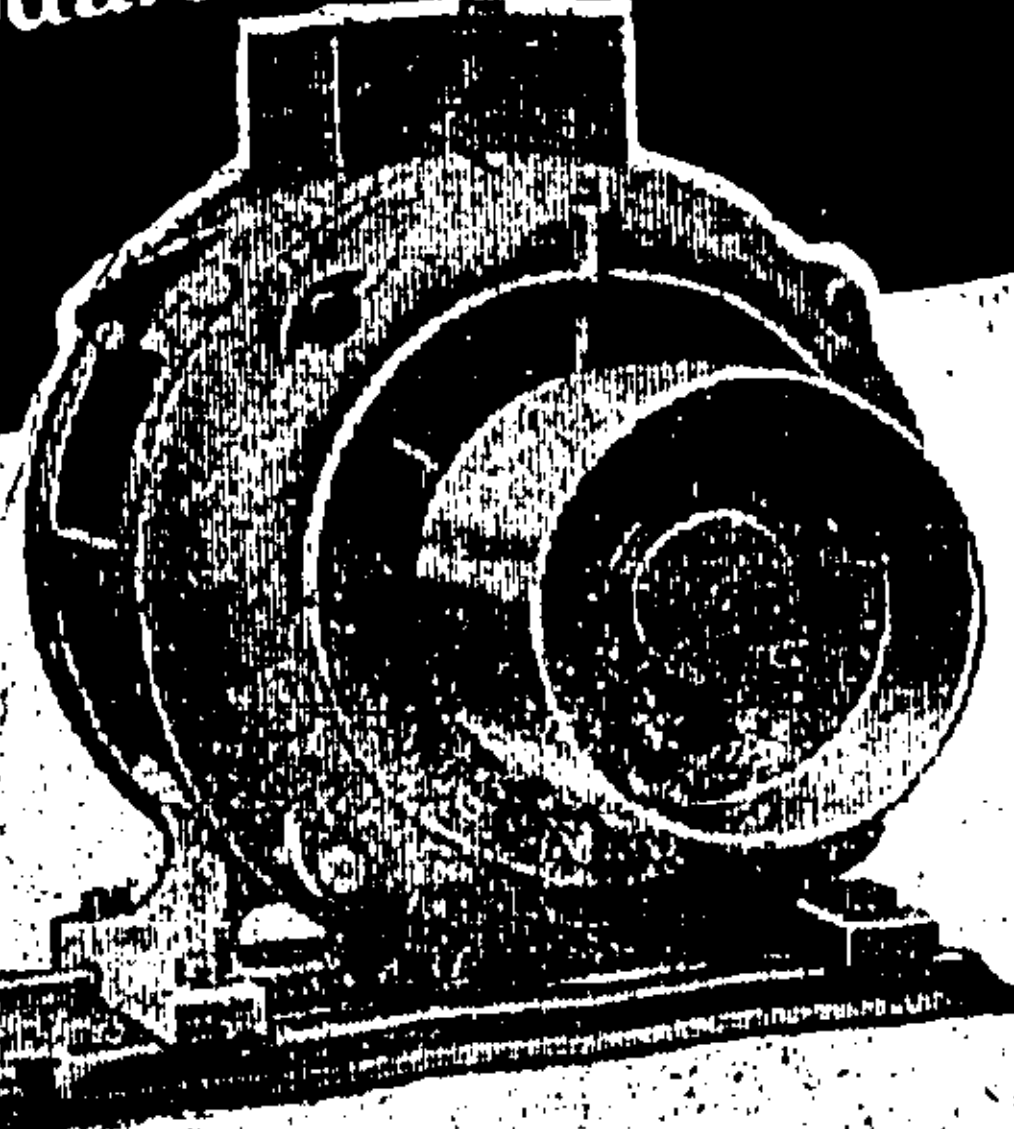
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CANTON RIDE.

GOOD SPORT AT NEW YEAR'S MEETING.

Canton, Jan. 12.
The Canton Ride held their New Year Meeting yesterday on the new aviation ground at Tungshan which was loaned by the courtesy of the Chief of the Aviation Department. In excellent weather, which was not too cold, some very good sport was provided. Results:
Honor Plate.—One mile flat race for "B" class China ponies to be owned and ridden by a member.
Miss Claire Hayward's Silver King.....(Owner) 1
Mr. Lehmann's Maori.....(Mr. Hardt) 2
General Wong Keung's Fifty.....(Owner) 3
Pari-mutuel:—Winner (one dollar ticket) \$19.20; 1st \$1.70; 2nd, \$4.70; 3rd, \$3.60.
Also ran:—Grand (Mr. Balst), Calligula (Mr. Janssen), Gilly (Mr. Gavin), Scheck (Mr. Wake), Brown Eve (Mr. Ng).
Won by a length; half a length between 2nd and 3rd.
Pagoda Handicap.—1½ mile flat race for "A" class ponies to be owned by a member.
General Chan Ming-shu's Glorious Stag.....(Mr. Lo Ming-wa) 1
General Wong Keung's Rio Colorado.....(Mr. Ng) 2
Mr. Wake's Zircon II.....(Owner) 3
Pari-mutuel:—Winner, \$2.30; 1st, \$1.50; 2nd, 1.00; 3rd, \$1.00.
Won by a head; half a length between 2nd and 3rd.
Also ran:—Incontrovertible (Mr. S. W. Tang) King Thistle (Mr. Rafeck), Temple Handicap.—1½ miles flat race for "A" class ponies to be owned and ridden by a member.
Catch weights at 165 lbs.
Dr. Canaval's Macaulay (Owner) 1
Mr. F. Huygen's Samartian.....(Owner) 2
Pari-mutuel:—Winner, \$2.30; 1st, \$1.10; 2nd, \$2.00; 3rd, 70 cents.
Also ran:—Doric (Mr. Gavin), Discard (Mr. Lo Ming-wan).
Won by a neck.
Hunter's Plate.—1 mile hurdle race for "B" class China ponies to be owned and ridden by a member.
Catch weights at 145 lbs.
Admiral Chan Chak's Browne Eve.....(Mr. Ng Sui-ting) 1
Mr. Lehmann's Maori (Mr. Hardt) 2
Miss Claire Hayward's Silver King.....(Owner) 3
Pari-mutuel:—Winner, \$0.20; 1st, \$1.30; 2nd, \$2.10; 3rd, 70 cents.
Also ran:—Fifty (Gen. Wong), Calligula (Mr. Gavin).
Tallyho Plate.—1½ miles hurdle race for "A" class ponies to be owned and ridden by a member, weights as allotted.
Dr. Canaval's Macaulay (Owner) 1
Mr. Lo Ming-wan's Discard.....(Dr. Credner) 2
Pari-mutuel:—Winner, \$1.80; 1st, \$1.40; 2nd, \$1.10.
Also ran:—King Thistle (Mr. Rafeck), Samartian (Mr. Huygen).
Won by a length and a half. A neck between 2nd and 3rd (Samartian).
New Year Maiden Plate.—½ mile flat race for ponies which have started at this or the Autumn meeting and not placed first or second in any event.
Catch weights at 145 lbs.
General Wong Keung's Fifty.....(Owner) 1
Mr. Lehmann's Doric (Mr. Gavin) 2
Pari-mutuel:—Winner, \$13.90; 1st, \$2.80; 2nd, \$1.70; 3rd, 60 cents.
Also ran:—Fifty (Mr. Galloway), Incontrovertible (Mr. S. W. Tang).
Won by two lengths; many lengths between 2nd and 3rd.
The Christmas Sweepstake was drawn on the 4th Race, when No. 711 drew first, No. 431 second, No. 634 third.
The New Year Sweepstake was drawn on the 5th Race, when No. 624 drew first, No. 1242 second, No. 395 third.

Prizes Presented.

After the final race, Madame Chan Ming-shu presented the various trophies won during the meeting, at the conclusion of which Mr. J. H. Ferguson, Master of the Hunt, in a short but very apt speech, thanked His Excellency General Chan Ming-shu, the Patron of the Ride, for his unfailing support, the Chief of the Aviation Department for his kindness in allowing the meeting to be held on the aviation ground, and called for three cheers for Madame Chan Ming-shu, which were heartily given.

Among those present at the meeting were:—H.E. General Chan Ming-shu and Madame Chan Ming-shu, Admiral Chan Chak, General Wong Keung, General Auyun Kui, Mr. Tung Man-kai and other well-known Chinese ladies and gentlemen, Mr. H. Phillips, C.M.G., O.B.E., H.B.M. Consul General, and Mrs. Phillips; Mr. A. L. Tison, H.B.M. Vice-Consul and Mrs. Tison; Mr. J. W. Ballantine, American Consul General, and Mrs. Ballantine; Mr. Chamberlain, American Vice-Consul and his mother.

The following officials officiated:—Judges, H.E. General Chan Ming-shu, Mr. H. Shubert, Mr. A. Hoffmeister and Mr. H. Lehmann; Starter, Dr. Credner; Clerk of the Course, Mr. J. H. Ferguson; Stewards, General Wong Keung, General Auyun Kui, Mr. Gavin, Mr. Hardt; in charge of the scales, Mr. P. Younghusband.

The attendance was by far the largest ever seen at a Canton Ride Meeting and the result must have been very gratifying to the Committee who have worked so hard

TUNGSHAN GOLF CLUB.

ANTHONY WINS CAPTAIN'S CUP AGAIN.

Canton, Jan. 12.
In the semi-finals of the Captain's Cup played off yesterday morning at the Tungshan Golf Club, E. R. Hill beat W. F. Gilman by 4 and 3, and B. Anthony beat C. E. Watson by 3 and 2.
The final between Hill and Anthony was very interesting and some good golf was seen. Hill started by winning the first three holes, and after this the game was even until Anthony won the 8th and 9th, to be all square at the turn. From the turn to the 14th, the game was evenly contested, but with Anthony taking the 14th, 15th and 16th. He beat Hill by 4 up and 2 to play, Anthony thereby winning the Captain's Cup for two years in succession.—Our Own Correspondent.

H.M.S. MEDWAY WIN BILLIARDS CUP.

UNEXPECTED VICTORY OVER THE R.E. TEAM.

The billiards team from H.M.S. Medway unexpectedly defeated the R.E. by 3 games to 2, the final of the billiards contest played at the Sailors and Soldiers Home, last night. At the conclusion, the cups for the winning side and the runners-up team, and the medals for the individual members of the winning team, were presented by Mrs. Astley, wife of the Rev. J. C. Knight Astley.
Some very good play was witnessed, and the naval men are to be congratulated on doing as well as they did. The R.E. side included the army champion, Corporal Cottle. Scores:
Medway.....R.E. 150
Feathers.....81 Cottle.....150
Binns.....104 Pollard.....150
Vasey.....150 Smith.....138
Harrop.....150 Peachey.....112
Almond.....150 Maynard.....107

LOCAL YACHTING.

RESULTS OF SIXTH LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP RACES.

The sixth Ladies' Championship races under the auspices of the R.H.K. Yacht Club were sailed yesterday, with the following results:
H. Class, Started 3.05 p.m.

Finished	Corrected	Position
Diana	4:28.41	1
Colleen	4:26.46	2
Rolla	4:23.57	3
La Linda	4:24.44	4
Norena	4:20.46	5
Dorothea	4:26.39	6
I. Y. and G. Class, Started 3.10 p.m.		
Daphne	4:38.17	1
Why Wonder?	4:40.32	2
Wings	4:41.53	3
Bluejacket	4:39.36	4
Boojum	4:38.51	5
Speedwell	4:41.04	6

EXCHANGE RATES.

	Previous Day	Yesterday
Paris	123.72½	123.72½
Geneva	25.05½	25.00½
Berlin	20.41½	20.41½
Olo	18.16½	18.16½
Helsingfors	192½	192½
Athens	325	375
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VOLUNTEERS TEAM FOR SUNDAY.

The following will represent the Volunteers against the Police on Sunday:—Capt. R. R. Davies (Capt.), E. C. Beck, A. Reid, G. C. Burnett, K. H. Batger, P. W. J. Plummer, F. Caveney, J. D. A. Hutchison, H. S. Clippindale, R. G. U. Mead, W. E. Hunt.

HOCKEY.

The following have been selected to represent the Y.M.C.A. second hockey eleven against the University second eleven at King's Park to-day at 5 p.m.:—Scotchier, Dornier, Tipples, Macay, Allen, W. J. Brown, Muller, Bates, W. H. Smith, Ashton, Combs.

In promoting this very excellent Club, the meeting, which was extremely well organized, went off without a hitch, the spectators and punters enjoying a delightful afternoon sport.—Our Own Correspondent.

CINEMA NOTES.

JOAN CRAWFORD HEARD IN DRAMATIC HIT.

An engrossing story, strikingly beautiful backgrounds and superb performances upon the part of Joan Crawford, Anita Page, Dorothy Sebastian, Robert Montgomery, Raymond Hackett, John Miller and a large supporting cast, contrive to make "Our Blushing Brides," which is showing at the Queen's Theatre, effective entertainment from start to finish.
The plot centres about three girls who work in the same department store and share rooms. They are fed up with the monotony of their lives, clock-punching, doll-like men, make-over dresses and all the other millstones of poverty and each awaits the opportunity to escape from a humdrum existence.
Consequently when David Jardine, son of the department-store owner, begs Connie to let him establish her in a Park Avenue apartment with a promise of a future marriage as soon as he straightens things out with his family, she throws all caution to the winds and accepts. Francine, too, thinks she has solved her problems when she marries Martin, a customer whose extravagant purchases indicate a bottomless wallet. When Tony Jardine, David's older brother, tries to make play for Geraldine, the last of the trio, she sees through his intentions and spurns his offer.
As events turned out, the level-headed Jerry was the only one who came out of the subsequent dramatic episodes without a scratch. Connie discovers that Dave is about to marry an heiress and attempts suicide and Francine learns that she has married a thief. Geraldine and Tony are reunited in a surprise climax.
Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer have given Joan Crawford a lavish background for her new starring vehicle. From the locale of the department store and the meager quarters of the three girls, the scenes shift to what are undoubtedly the smartest and most modernistic interiors yet seen on the screen. A brilliant touch is the tactful fashion-show held on the lawns of what is represented as being the Jardine Long Island estate in which more than one hundred new style creations are revealed. A second lavish detail is an Alvertina Rasch ballet in which Miss Crawford is seen in some unusual dances.
"Not So Dumb" a Riot of Laughs.
King Vidor seems to be about the ideal directorial agency for Marion Davies.
In "Not So Dumb," Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's new starring vehicle for the comedienne, which will come on Thursday to the Queen's Theatre, Vidor has provided her with the most vivacious role she has played, a sparkling vehicle that affords her wide latitude for her rare comedy talents.
The picture is an adaptation of the well-known stage farce "Dulcy," by George S. Kaufman and Marc Connelly. It is Vidor's third picture with Miss Davies as the star, the previous two having been the exceptionally successful "The Patsey" and "Show People."
Miss Davies demonstrates her vocal as well as physical versatility in the screen comedy, adapting her voice as well as her personality to the role of a blundering flapper who tries to run her fiancé's business affairs and almost ruins her romance as well as his bank account.
Elliot Nugent plays opposite the star and the supporting cast includes Raymond Hackett, William Holden, Julia Faye, Sally Starr, Donald Ogden Stewart, Franklin Pangborn and George Davis. All of the players are well cast and add considerably to the convincing manner in which the riotous play is presented.
The play was adapted for the screen by Wanda Tuckock and Edwin Justus Mayer prepared the dialogue.
An Artistic Triumph.
One can easily overlook Hollywood's little tricks of nonsense in the general excellence of "The Vagabond King" which continues to draw packed houses to the Central Cinema. The singing is superb, the theme well-connected and consistent, and the photography extraordinarily good.
Some of the scenes are an artistic triumph, and carried out in technical colour, pleasingly subdued in tone, would warrant a visit for their sake alone. So cleverly indeed has the producer achieved his effects that some of the scenes look more like paintings than the product of the camera.
Humour and drama are delightfully blended, and Paramount has adhered more or less faithfully to the story of Justin McCarthy's stage play "If I Were King," the well-known one of the rise to kingdom from the gutter of Francis Villon, who wielded as facile a pen as he did a sword, and was equally at home among courtiers as he was among a 15th century French rabble.
"The Vagabond King" is brimful of melody, from the stirring song of the Vagabond to the sympathetic "Only a Rose" and "Hughetto Waits," and the dramatic "King for a Day." The brand of the singing falls on Dennis King and Jeannette McDonald, who both prove equal to the task. The dramatic laurels, however, go to the Australian artist, Otto Hoggie, whose portrayal of the weak Louis adds to the long list of superb character parts he has made in Paramount films. He is closely followed by Warner Oland, whose suave voice and accents fit him for his role. Lillian Roth also proves that she is more than a song-and-dance artiste in her handling of Hughetto.

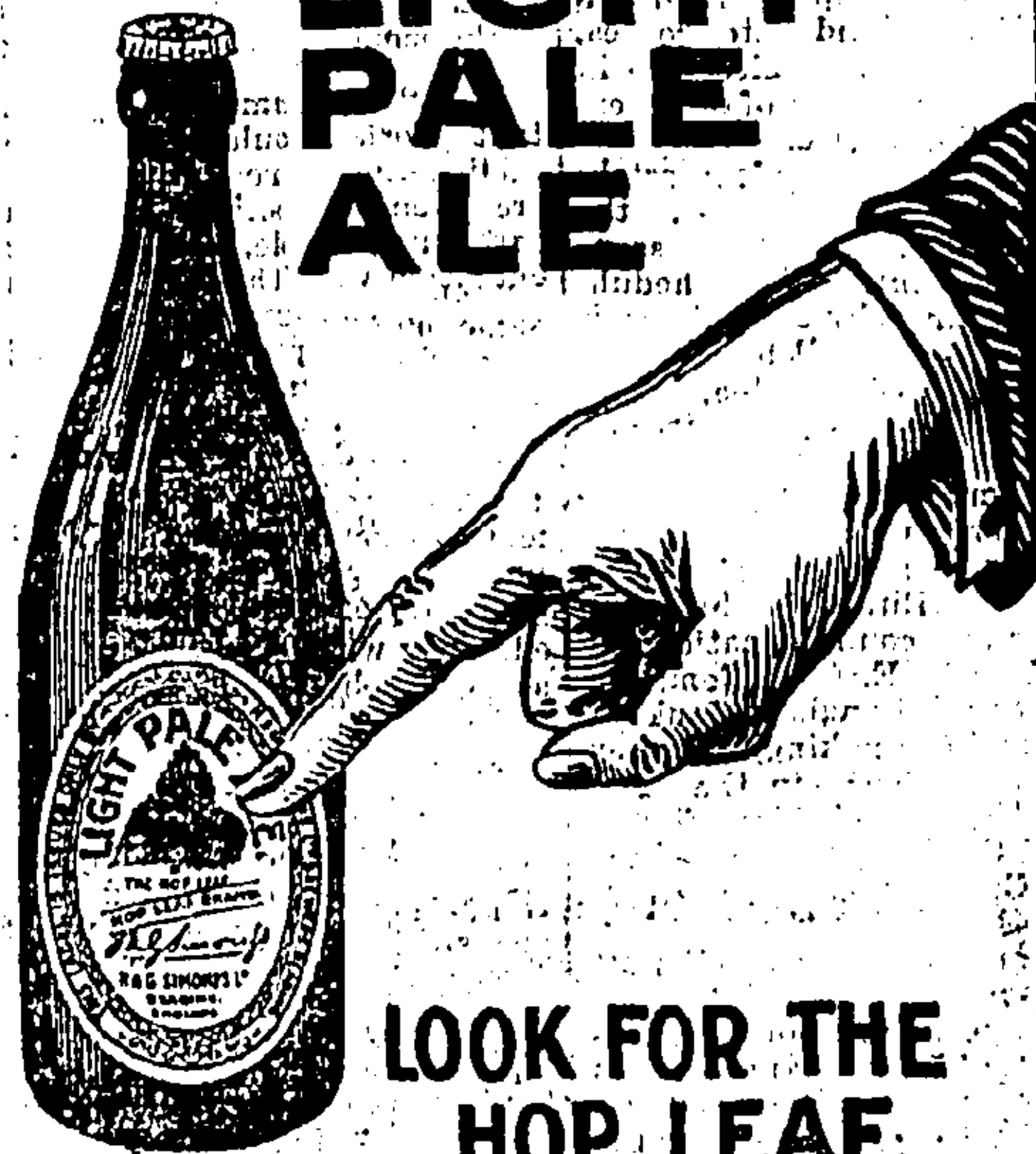
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[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—May I trespass further on your generosity by asking you to publish this letter of thanks in connexion with the recent appeal for donations on behalf of the above Society. The ready response and the co-operation of all concerned for such an organization, I take this opportunity on behalf of the Society to thank all who contributed to the success of the Drive. Special thanks being due to the following for their untiring efforts:—Mrs. Loseby, who was largely responsible for the method of collecting, also the Honorary Treasurer and Secretary, Mr. D. Black and Mr. J. H. A. Hutchison. To the lady who contributed the article "Voice of the Voiceless" that appeared in the Local Press, and to the Press for their kind help. The total sum collected amounts to \$474.85 which will enable the Society to carry on the good work of animal welfare for a continued period. Again thanking everyone who helped.

JOHN RUSSELL.
President.

PRETTY CHINESE WEDDING.

OFFICER OF CANTONESE ARMY MARRIED.

A pretty Chinese wedding was solemnized at the Hotel Cecil yesterday, a large party of relatives and friends of the bride and bridegroom being present. The bridegroom, Mr. Chan Ping-kwan of No. 14, Army Street, Wanchai, is a son of Mr. Chan So, Manager of Messrs. Kwai Lum S.S. Co., and is an officer of the Canton 8th Route Army, while the bride, Miss Pau Shu-han, is the daughter of a retired broker, Mr. Pau Tak-suen.

The bride, holding a bouquet of white chrysanthemums and beautifully attired in ivory satin, was attended by Miss Lo Wai-king, who was dressed charmingly in pink georgette. The best man was Mr. Yu Lun-cheuk, and the flower girls were Misses Joyce Chan and Chung Hon-kwan. After the ceremony dinner was served at the hotel to the gathering.

HOPE FOR SILVER.

WORLD AGREEMENT AS BEST REMEDY.

New York, Jan. 12. In a review of the silver market for 1930, Messrs. Handy and Harman, silvermasters, think that an international agreement offers the most likely hope for stabilization of silver, and are of opinion that the price of silver will advance, when a revival of world trade occurs. Although a gold exchange is in effect in India, and its adoption has been recommended for China, the use of silver for currency is so firmly established in those countries that any revival of world trade would see an increased consumption of silver throughout the Far East.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Mr. Albert Wiggin, chairman of the Chase National Bank, in his annual report to shareholders, declares that the question of the cancellation has an importance far beyond the dollar magnitude of the debts involved. Apart from the question of the justice of the cancellation, he is firmly convinced that it would be good business for the United States Government to initiate a reduction of debts at this time.—*Reuter's American Service.*

OBITUARY.

DEATH OF NATHAN STRAUS OF NEW YORK.

New York, Jan. 12.

The death has occurred of the philanthropist, Mr. Nathan Straus.—*Reuter's American Service.*

[Nathan Straus was born in Rhenish Bavaria in 1848, and went to the United States in 1864. He is best known for his philanthropy towards the poor and homeless in New York. Entering the glass and pottery business with his father and brothers, he rapidly built up a fortune, out of which he and his wife made generous donations to charity. Of the Jewish community of New York, Mr. Straus spent nearly his entire fortune in order to further his philanthropic work, in which he and his consort always took an active interest. Both devoted much care and attention to the upbuilding of the Jewish National Home, to which they contributed generously. In 1925 they celebrated their Golden Wedding. The celebration proved worthy of the occasion. Surrounded by children, grandchildren and a host of friends and relatives, the Grand Old Man of New York Jewry said:—"My wife and I have been very happy and we always will be very happy together." Thousands have certainly gained happiness through them, and learned to call their name blessed.]

SHANGHAI IN THE GRIP OF KING FROST.

RECORD LOW TEMPERATURES OVER WEEK-END.

Shanghai, Jan. 12.

Eight lives were claimed over the week-end by the most severe weather experienced here in 38 years.

Snow was accompanied by extremely cold temperatures on Saturday, being a minimum of eleven degrees Fahrenheit. The minimum yesterday was 22, and it has improved slightly to-day to 24.

The streets are like glass, motors being useless and unable to start. Pipes everywhere have burst. All sport engagements are cancelled. Ordinary means of heating have proved useless.

Sleazevel Observatory reports that more such experiences are to come.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

CANCEL WAR DEBTS.

U. S. BANKER'S SCHEME TO END DEPRESSION.

New York, Jan. 12.

The question of the cancellation of war debts as a means of ending the present world depression has again come to the fore.

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TIENTSIN FINANCES.

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Tientsin, Jan. 12.

Mr. T. V. Soong, who has been visiting Peking, has returned to Tientsin where it is expected that he will again confer with General Chang Hsueh-liang this evening.

The vernacular newspapers state that the problem of the "rehabilitation" of the Shansi forces and the Kuominchun (meaning partial disbandment) has been practically settled by Mr. Soong and Gen. Chang. The Financial Commissioner hopes they will arrange for a \$3,000,000 loan for the purpose with the local banks, and the security for the loan, according to the vernacular newspapers, has already been arranged though it has not yet been announced.—*Reuter.*

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Empress of Russia	July 3	July 6	Kobe	July 8	July 11
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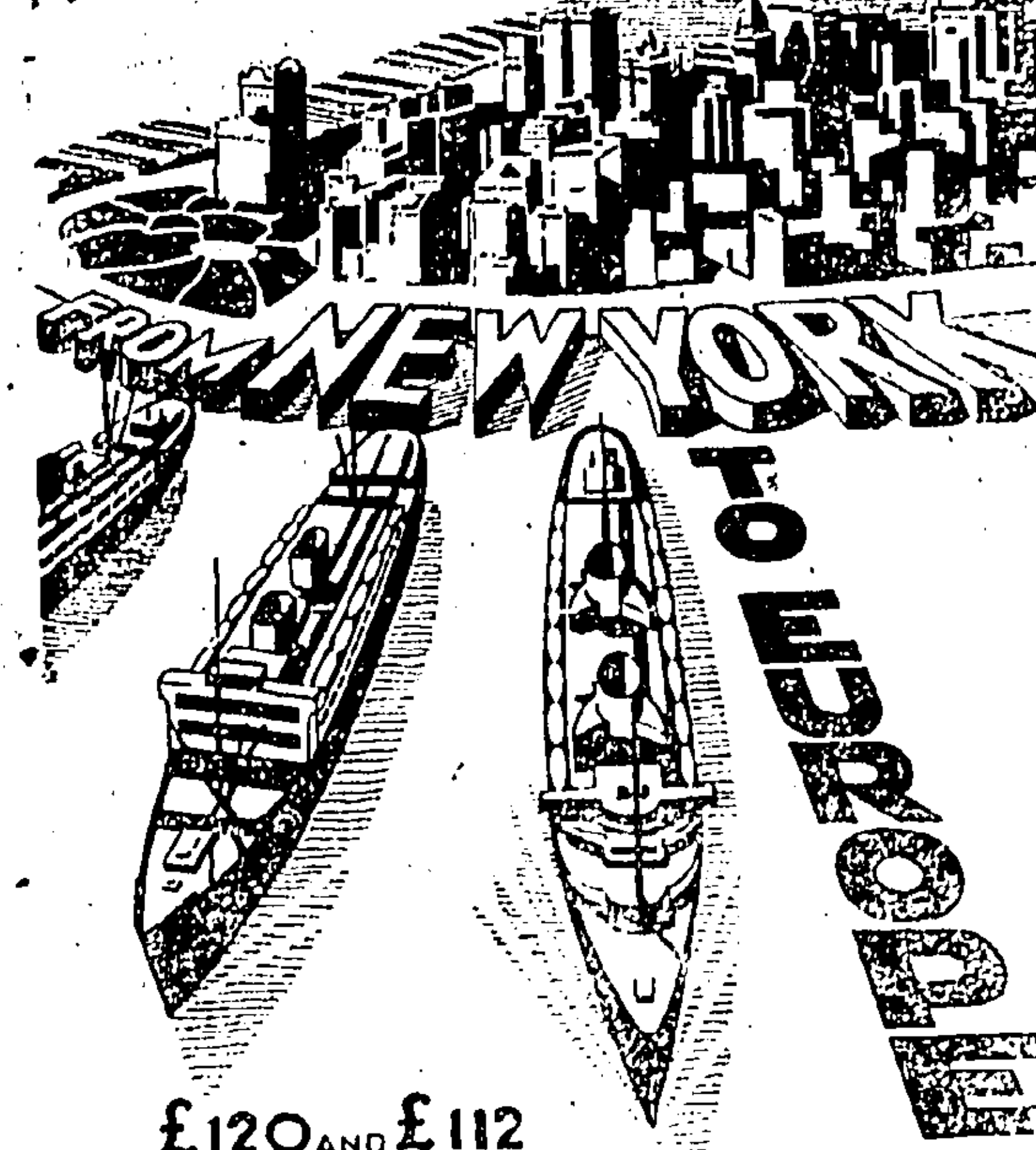
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But the question of additional income apart, the contribution is a testimony to the belief of His Majesty's Government and that of the Government of the Chinese Republic that the University of Hongkong can, and will, if it be given a fair chance, contribute something to the building up of the China of the future.

Brilliant Career.

From the building up of the China of the future to the Hon. Foo Ping-sheung is a transition at once easy and obvious. The Hon. Foo Ping-sheung was born on the 16th February, 1896, at Fat Shan, a suburb of Canton. His father was Foo Shin, a Chinese scholar. He was brought up by his uncle Foo Sik, a well-known merchant of Hongkong. In 1908 Mr. Ping-sheung went to the Ellis Kadoorie School, which he left in 1910 for St. Stephen's College. From St. Stephen's College he passed in 1912 to this University, where he graduated in due course as a Bachelor of Science in Engineering, being awarded by the London Assessors, First Class Honours. In 1917 he went as an assistant engineer to the Shanghai-Hangchow-Ningpo Railway. He then returned to Hongkong and taught for a year at St. Stephen's College, his old school.

In 1918/19 he was working in Canton as Head of the Bureau of Printing of the Military Government there and as Secretary to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which was then presided over by the late Dr. Wu Ting-fang. In this capacity he went to the Paris Peace Conference as Secretary of the Chinese Delegation. From 1920 to 1922 he worked as Superintendent of Customs and Commissioner of Foreign Affairs for Kweichow and Peking. In 1923 he became Commissioner of Foreign Affairs for the Province of Kwangtung and Superintendent of the Canton Customs, and subsequently Chief of the Bureau of Foreign Affairs in the Civil Governor's Office, Canton. Later he was adviser to the Ministries of Finance and War.

In 1927/8 he was Counsellor to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Director General of the Customs Administration of the Nationalist Government. In this last capacity he acted as Chairman of the recent Tariff Commission. For part of 1928 he was Chairman of China travelling with Mr. Hu Han-min, Mr. Sun Fo and Mr. C. C. Woo.

Many Activities.

In the same year he became a Member of the Legislative Yuan of the Nationalist Government and Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee; also Chairman of the Civil Codification Commission. This Commission has now published an English translation of the Civil Code of the Republic of China Books I, II and III and Mr. Foo has contributed an introduction to this volume. In 1929 Mr. Foo was appointed Chinese Minister to Belgium, an appointment which he did not take up.

Mr. Ping-sheung Foo, it will be a great pleasure to me to call upon His Excellency the Chancellor to confer upon you honoris causa, this University's degree of Doctor of Laws. You are the first graduate of this University to receive this distinction. According to the testimony of all, you have, through a period of great stress and temptation, filled honourably many responsible posts of State. I hope that the honour which this University is now about to confer upon you will be an encouragement to others to follow in your footsteps. We hope and believe that you remain and will ever keep with a you a grateful memory of what we tried to do for you here. It is on young men like you that the future of China depends. Hongkong is a British Colony but the destinies of China and Hongkong are inextricably interwoven, one with another. I don't expect you to be blind to our shortcomings, but I do believe that in your heart you know that in your heart to heart you know that though we Britishers are not demonstrative China has no truer friends.

Gigantic Task.

In 1924 Mr. Baldwin told the London Teachers' Association that "the idea of particular exceptional people pursuing learning had been familiar to the whole world for scores of centuries but that the idea of preparing whole classes or communities for co-operation and common action by a training in common ideas was a comparatively new one." This is the gigantic task to which you and I, and indeed all of us, now stand committed. We are living in days in which the power used to be inherent in birth and privilege is passing rapidly away. We live, moreover, in an age when the maintenance of that level of civilization to which the world has already succeeded in attaining, can only be maintained and spread by the education of the people. And it has never been more urgent than it is at the moment—not only in China but throughout the world—to wage the war of reason against the passion that may be stimulated by mob psychology. Will you tell your colleagues when you get back to Nanking that we are watching with anxiety their efforts to weld together the Chinese Nation and that this is a task in which your University claims the privilege of being allowed to help.

The Governor's Remarks.

His Excellency said:—I had not intended to make any remarks but

PRINCES' FAREWELL.

SAY GOODBYE TO THE KING AND QUEEN.

London, Jan. 12.

The Prince of Wales and Prince George paid a formal visit to Buckingham Palace to-day, to bid good-bye to the King and Queen, who are returning to Sandringham this afternoon and will not again see the Princes before their departure for South America, where the Prince of Wales will open the British Trade Exhibition at Buenos Aires on March 14.—British Wirelless.

you began your speech with a brief, direct, and personal note. I feel it would be churlish of me not to thank you for your words of welcome and that I do, most sincerely, on behalf of my wife and myself. As a consequence, I feel that I must return a direct and personal note and, at this, the first public meeting of the University when degrees have been given, I take this opportunity of congratulating you on the honour which has recently and graciously been conferred upon you by His Majesty the King, in recognition of the very fine work you have done on behalf of this University (applause). I know of no one who has more deserved to win such an honour, and no one else receiving it could have caused me greater pleasure. With that honour conferred upon you, Sir William Horrell, I feel that the University of Hongkong must share, to a certain extent, in the lustre of it.

The following were then presented to His Excellency as having been found worthy of the degrees to be conferred upon them:

Those Honoured.

Degree of Doctor of Laws, Honoris Causa, The Hon. Foo Ping-sheung, B.Sc. (Eng.).

Degree of Doctor of Medicine—Dr. Yee Kok-Chung, M.B., B.S., D.P.H. (Camb.), D.T.M. & H. (Eng.).

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In Absentia—Hastings Ernest Adams, Norman Palmer Foynt Channarett, Cheah Khay Chuan, Ooi Phee Tunn, Tong Lai Yee, Miss Pau Chel-chue and Peter Pau.

Degree of Bachelor of Science in Engineering—Chun Weng Kwan, Chen Pak Shin, Koh Nye Poh, Pao Yue Lun, Arthur Augustus Reed, Bernard Herman Schroter, Miss Tann Tin Chien, Eric Wongkape.

In Absentia—Chung Sek Chiu, Pong Lam, Chung Hok Nang, Miss Grace Ho Tung, Hu Pak Mi, Jao Yu, Miss Kwok Yik Ming, Miss Julia Lam, Lo Chi Chiu, Mak Kai Hung, Miss Agnes Pau, Tam Yik Fong, Miss Wong Lai Chong.

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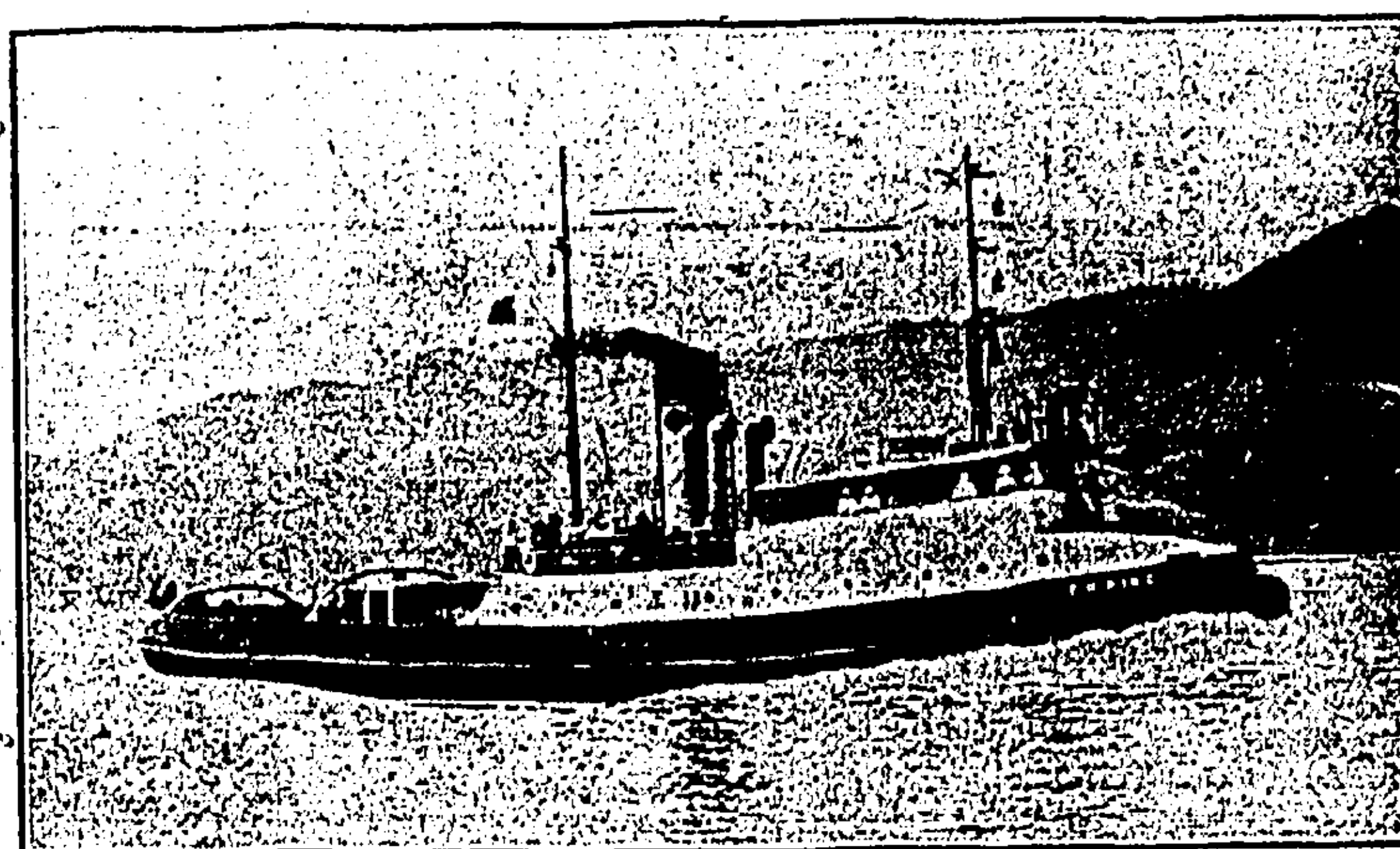
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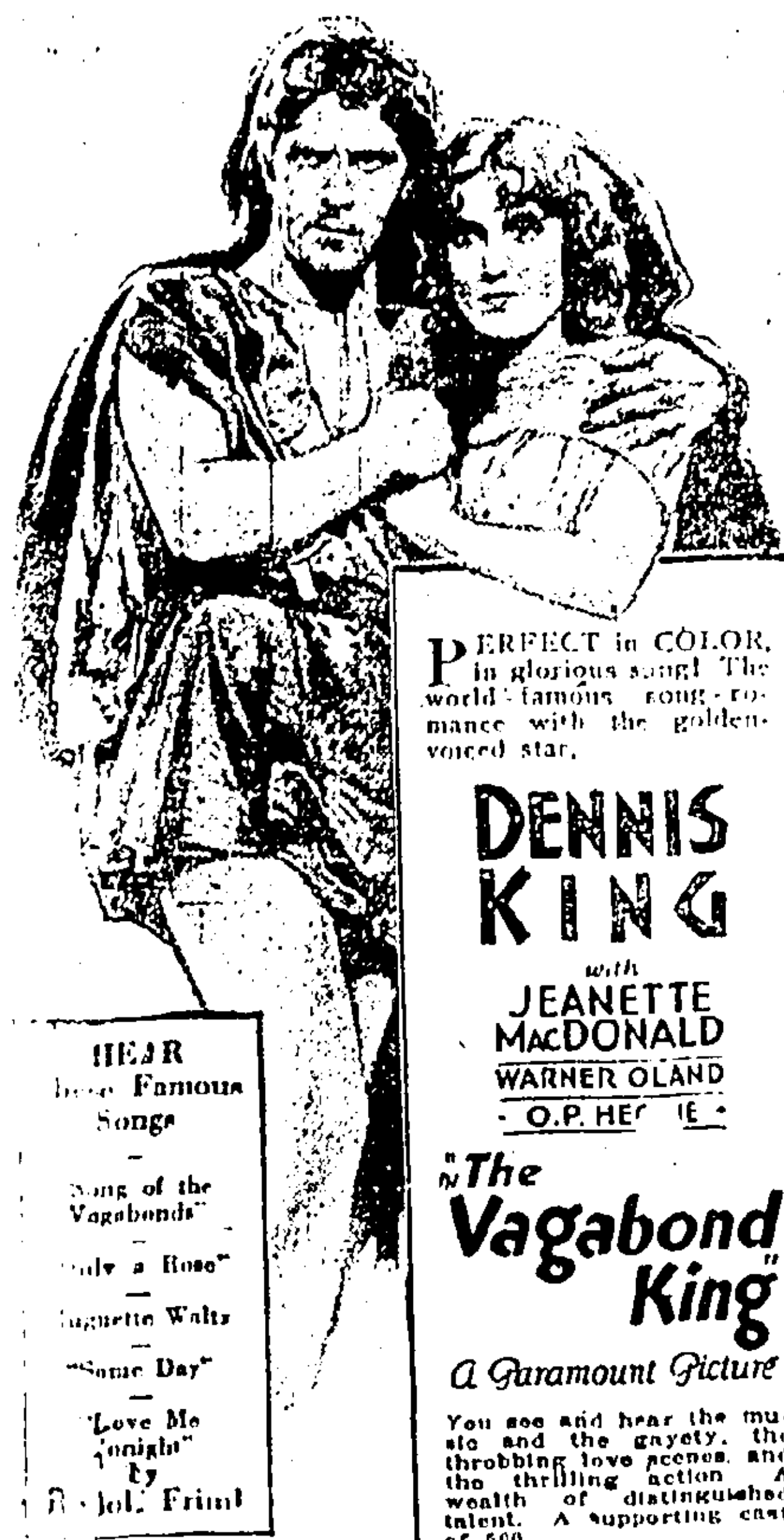
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HOW TINSMITH WAS DEFRAUDED.

FIRM FOUND NOT TO BE
IN EXISTENCE.

A tinsmith, Leung Poh, of the
Cheung Kee Cheung firm, 110,
Queen's Road West, has been the
victim, according to a report
received by the police, of a fraud,
by which he lost a sum of \$5,520.

Recently, it is stated, the firm
entered into negotiations with a
man named Wong Kit-sang, who
represented himself as being the
principal of the Wai Lung firm,
with offices in the Industrial and
Commercial Bank Building, for the
purchase of 400 cases of sheet

tin. Evidence was given of the
existence of the tin, and Leung
Poh, who negotiated the deal on
behalf of the Cheung Kee Cheung,
was satisfied when he received a
delivery note for the metal.

During the week-end the deli-
very note was presented at the
roadway, but it was not honoured,
the keeper there not acknowledging
the validity of the document.

A subsequent visit to the offices
of the Wai Lung, at the Industrial
and Commercial Bank Building,
confirmed their worst suspicions.
The office was found to be closed,
and it was realised that the tin
never belonged to the firm, which
at the outset had entered into the
deal as if the metal really belonged
to them.

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MR. MELBOURNE RETIREES.

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POPULAR OFFICIAL.

A host of friends will learn with
regret of the impending departure
from the Colony, on retirement, of
Mr. C. D. Melbourne, who has
completed nearly 31 years in the
Government service, and who, since
the middle of 1923, has been Reg-
istrar at the Supreme Court.
Mr. Melbourne has been granted
leave prior to retirement as from
the end of 1930, but he intends to
spend the winter months in the
East before going back to the
Old Country.

When interviewed by a *Telegraph*
representative, Mr. Melbourne said
that he intended to visit Shanghai
and Manila before going home,
and expected to sail in the spring
of this year via America.

Of a genial disposition, with a
penchant for witty talk, Mr. Mel-
bourne is one of the most popular
residents in the Colony and his
presence will be missed by many
who have had the pleasure of his
friendship.

For many years he was a keen
volunteer in the humours of de-
scribed himself to our representative as
an "untrained signaller", and has
also held high rank in Freemason-
ry. Among the offices which he
has held are Marshall Provincial
Prior of China, D.G.S.W. of the
District Grand Lodge of Mark
Master Masons, District Senior
Grand Warden of the District
Grand Lodge of Hongkong and
South China, Marshall of the Vic-
toria Priory and Preceptory,
Director of Ceremonies Ethen
Mark Lodge, and Unofficial Mem-
ber of the District Grand Royal
Lodge Chapter.

Mr. Melbourne was formerly
President of the Hongkong Radio
Society, and Vice-President of the
Civil Service Cricket Club. For
many years he has been a member
of the Licensing Board, and, since
1902, he has been an official Jus-
tice of the Peace, being third in
seniority.

Mr. Melbourne is a brother-in-
law of Mr. John Scott Harston.

Mr. Melbourne's Career.

Mr. Charles Alexander Dick
Melbourne, barrister-at-law, was
born on September 22, 1869, and
was appointed as First Clerk at
the Police Magistrate's Office on
May 1, 1900. From December 9,
1903, until December 7, 1904, he
was Acting Assistant Superintendent
of Victoria Gaol in addition
to his ordinary duties, while in
1905 he became Acting Assistant
Land Officer and, afterwards, Act-
ing Second Police Magistrate. He
filled this latter position on several
occasions and became Acting De-
puty Registrar and Appraiser in
1907. In the same year he was
attached to the Land Office to as-
sist in bankruptcy work. Be-
tween 1908 and 1910 he again
filled the appointment already
mentioned after which he went on
leave.

He became Acting Registrar in
1914 and acting Puisne Judge in
1919. His last appointment
was in 1928 when he became Reg-
istrar at the Supreme Court.

Mr. E. P. H. Lang has been ap-
pointed to fill Mr. Melbourne's
post as Registrar, and Mr. L. R.
Andrews, Crown Solicitor, has been
appointed to the position vacated by
Mr. Lang, that of Deputy Registrar.

YOUTH'S THREE THEFTS.

PRISON AND BIRCHING
ORDERED.

A Chinese youth named Cheung
Shan, with two previous convic-
tions for theft, appeared before
Mr. Butters, at the Kowloon Ma-
gistrate's Court this morning, charged
with respect to three thefts.

The first count was of having
stolen a felt hat, the property of
a schoolboy, Mohamed Bakli,
from outside 37, Austin Road. The
second charge was in respect of
a blanket stolen from outside 313,
Canton Road, the property of Lo
Seung, a married woman, whilst
the third charge was in respect of
a singlet which was stolen from
the back yard of No. 55, Hum-
phrey's Avenue.

The defendant pleaded guilty to
the second charge and denied the
other two, whereupon Detective
Inspector Fallon withdrew the
other two charges.

Mr. Butters sentenced defendant
to two months' imprisonment and
12 strokes.

Five or six Chinese who sur-
rounded and hustled Yuen Sul-lam,
unemployed man living at the Lee
Theatre, as he was walking along
Queen's Road East, near Taihang
Street yesterday, are believed to
have stolen his watch and chain,
valued at \$24. The theft was re-
ported to the Wanchai Station.

THREATENED COLLAPSE OF GOLD CREDIT.

AN ANGLO-FRENCH
UNDERSTANDING.

RESULTS STILL CLOUDED IN
MYSTERY

FRANCE'S POLICY.

The mysterious ambiguities in
every statement connected with
the negotiations proceeding be-
tween British and French finan-
cial experts, with a view to
checking the outflow of gold from
England, are certainly not clear-
ed up by M. Martin, the French
Finance Minister, who made a
statement on the subject yester-
day.

M. Martin talks of measures to
effect a monetary settlement be-
tween the London and Paris mar-
kets, but does not explain what
form it will take, though there are
persistent rumours of the granting
of a large loan by the Bank of
France to British industry.

The need for such a loan is dif-
ficult to understand. Recent stock
fluctuations in London have revealed
no lack of response. On the con-
trary, gilt-edged securities have
been over-subscribed, in some
cases, fifty times.

French Promise.

Paris, Jan. 12.
The Finance Minister, M. Mar-
tin, in an interview, defend-
France's monetary policy and de-
clares that the Government is tak-
ing steps to limit the influx of
gold.

He further declares: "To-
morrow, in order that the Govern-
ment's desire not to adopt a
financial policy dominated by
egotistical, its ends may become
even plainer. We may hope that
with the collaboration of the Bank
of France a notable improvement
will be effected by a monetary
settlement between the London
and Paris Markets.—*Reuter*.

Rumours of Loan.

A Transocean Kuomin Message
states that Paris political circles
are galvanised by persistent
rumours to the effect that the
present negotiations between
French and British experts, to
curb the bullion drain on the Bank
of England, are likely to culminate
in a big international sensation—the
granting of a large French
loan to British industry through
the Banque de France, with the
Bank of England as guarantor. If
this proves true, the politicians
here insist, the report is tant-
amount to a Franco-British rap-
prochement, the effects, of which
on the situation it is at present
impossible to gauge, though there
can be no doubt that the reunion
of the two countries would make
itself quickly felt in European
politics.

In this connexion, political
quarters recall the fact that, dur-
ing the last meeting of the Pre-
paratory Disarmament Conference
the British delegate, Lord Robert
Cecil, with a rather sudden volte
face, accepted the French thesis,
wherefore these circles now hint
that future co-operation between
the two countries may have to be
sought along such or similar
lines.

Veil Partially Lifted.

Writing in *Le Matin*, this
paper's well-known foreign pol-
itical expert, Mr. Jules Sauerwein,
who maintains very close relations
with many leading statesmen and
politicians, lifts a corner of the
veil spread over the present
negotiations, hinting at a new
Anglo-French financial en-
tente and intimating that at the
opening in the middle of this
month of the conference which is
to consider the Foreign Minis-

LADY MOTORIST FINED.

OBSTRUCTION CAUSED IN
CHATER ROAD.

TRAFFIC BLOCKED.

Mrs. W. G. L. Cooper, of Dor-
rington, May Road, appeared be-
fore Mr. Lindsell at the Central
Police Court this morning on a
summons accusing her of having
caused an obstruction by leaving
motor car No. 689 in Chater Road,
outside Messrs. A. S. Watson and
company's store at 12.25 p.m. on
January 7.

The defendant admitted having
left the car on the south side of the
road, but remarked that when she
parked it there, other cars were
able to pass.

Sergeant Williamson informed
his Worship that the car had been
parked about two yards from the
kerb which made it impossible for
other cars to pass. He himself
had had to move one of the cars on
the authorised parking stand to
permit other traffic to pass Mrs.
Cooper's car. He thought that
what happened was that when
Mrs. Cooper had parked her car
there was no vehicle on the stand
immediately opposite, but when a
car had taken up the space on the
stand there was insufficient room
for other cars to pass along the
south side of the road.

His Worship imposed a fine of
\$5 and remarked to the traffic
officer that he had often seen about
half a dozen cars parked on the
south side of the road.

WORLD STATISTICS OF WORKLESS.

GERMANY HAS BIGGEST
EURDEN PER HEAD.

Geneva, Jan. 8.
The International Labour
Bureau attached to the League of
Nations has issued statistics on
unemployment the world over dur-
ing the month of December. In
Europe Germany takes the sad
pride of place with four millions.
England follows with 2,300,000,
then Italy with 534,000, and
Austria with 262,000.

The single city of Danzig has
the deplorable number of 20,000,
which is more than the whole of
Switzerland. The lowest num-
bers are in Norway with 8,000 and
Jugoslavia with 4,700.

For the United States the figure
cannot be ascertained with ab-
solute exactitude, but is placed at
between five and seven millions.
Germany has by far the biggest
proportion of unemployed com-
pared with the total population of
the country.

At the City Hall last night, Dr.
P. Fennelly, LL.D., gave the first
of a series of lectures on
psychology. He had as his
subject, "Sleep and Dreams,
their Meaning and How to
Interpret Them." The large audi-
ence present was deeply interested
in the able discourse, and at the
close the lecturer answered a num-
ber of questions. To-night, Dr.
Fennelly will talk on "Nerve Con-
trol."

ter, M. Briand's Pan-European
Federation scheme, France will
make it quite plain that she is
prepared to devote her resources
to Europe's reconstruction and
rationalization but on certain con-
ditions only, these to include the
renunciation of all schemes of re-
vision, which is obviously aimed
at Germany. "Co-operation be-
tween the French and British
Exchequers would pave the way
for a discussion of the problems
of Europe in a spirit of generosity,
and the happy consequences of
such a co-operation would soon be-
come visible both at Geneva and
Basle. However, it should be
remembered that it is impos-
sible to apply to France for
financial assistance and, in the
same breath, ask for revision."

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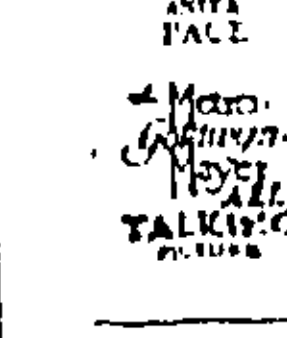
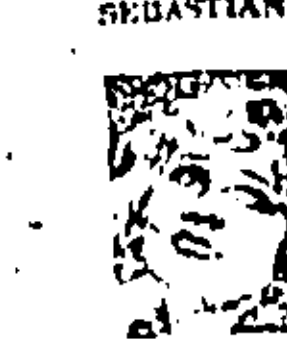
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